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PIRATES SEIZE DUTCH SHIP NEAR H.K. Six Passengers Kidnapped: More Than \$2m. Stolen

First Direct H.K.-Sydney Air Link

The first direct air link between Hong Kong and Sydney was made yesterday afternoon when a Cathay Pacific aircraft left Kai Tak airport on the first of what is to be a once-monthly flight service.

The aircraft, a D.C.3 type 21-seater, took off at 3 p.m. and is expected to be in Sydney tomorrow afternoon.

Stops will be made at Manila, Morotai, Darwin and Cebu.

Among the passengers on board was Mr. A. J. H. Moss, Director of Civil Air Services.

A Company spokesman said yesterday that it is hoped the number of flights between Hong Kong and Sydney will be increased.

The single fare at present from the Colony is \$220.

Previous to Monday's inaugural flight persons wishing to reach Sydney by air from Hong Kong had to first make the trip to Singapore and await further transport there for Australia.

Central Trust Of China Here

The Central Trust of China, an affiliate of the Central Bank of China, re-opened for business in Hong Kong yesterday on the ground floor of Pedder Building.

The largest concern of its kind in China, the Central Trust undertakes all kinds of business, connected with banking, trust, remittances, insurance, transportation and general trading.

Members of Hong Kong's banking and commercial community called in an endless stream throughout the day to tender their good wishes to Mr. C. K. Chang (Chairman of the Board of Directors), Mr. R. C. Wu (Managing Director) and General Manager) and Mr. T. H. Mai (Manager of the Hong Kong Office).

BRITISH TOBACCO CHIEF DEAD

London, Dec. 15. Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, Chairman of the British American Tobacco Company for 21 years, died yesterday at his home at Sunningdale Park outside London following a heart attack. He was 77.—United Press.

2 SHIPS AFIRE, ONE SINKING IN W. INDIES

New York, Dec. 15.

Two ships were today reported afire in the Dutch West Indies after a collision, and an ocean-going salvage tug, owned by a New York firm, was reported sinking in the British West Indies in SOS messages received by the Coast Guard.

Two unidentified oil tankers were reported to be burning after colliding off Curaçao Bay, Curaçao, Dutch West Indies. A British vessel, the motorship San Eliseo, master, that she was standing by and attempting to get her small boats to aid the burning ships.

Lifelines were seen being lowered from one ship, the San Eliseo, to the other.

Air Jammed
The air jammed with distress calls and relays in the area, clouding positive identification of the ships and details of their condition, the Coast Guard said.

The tug Killarney, of the Merritt-Chapman and Scott Corporation of New York, was reported grounded, "flying up" and being abandoned by the crew in lifelines one mile off Morant Point, Jamaica.

The crew was estimated at 40 or more.

The Coast Guard cutter, Sagrebrush, one of several ships heading for the tugboat, was expected to reach her this morning.

Merritt-Chapman and Scott's Coast Guard said, dispatched a launch from Kingston, Jamaica, to the tug.—Associated Press.

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Arsenal Of Ship Looted Eyewitness's Vivid Story

South China's internationally-known Bias Bay pirates made their first post-war "kill" on Sunday afternoon when they seized control of the 4,500-ton Dutch liner, "Van Heutsz" enroute from Hong Kong to Swatow.

Six first-class passengers were kidnapped and more than two million dollars in money and personal belongings taken away from 2,300 cabin and steerage passengers at the point of revolvers and light machine-guns.

The pirates, about 25 in number, are believed to have boarded the "Van Heutsz" in Hong Kong harbour. They seized control of the vessel four hours after it had sailed. They were in control of the ship for more than 15 hours and ransacked the ship's arsenal.

They later commandeered two junks and forced the captain and other officers and crew to accompany them to shore in life boats.

The piracy occurred west of Chiling Point, some 80 miles from Hong Kong in the vicinity of the infamous Bias Bay pirates' pre-war lair.

The "Van Heutsz" originally carried 16 anti-piracy guards but these were dispensed with on this voyage.

The pirates must have known," said the Captain ruefully yesterday.

Eyewitness

Third Officer M. A. Nederkorn, told the "China Mail" that at about 4.00 p.m. on Sunday, when near Bias Bay, he was on the bridge talking to the 4th Officer about pirates in pre-war days when the Bay was the pirates' haunt.

Before he had finished talking two men came up the bridge, held them up at pistol point and ordered them into the corridor where the officers' cabins were.

Five minutes later about 11 men came on to the bridge.

The Chief Engineer (Mr. J. V. K. Klavein), unaware of what was going on, came out of his cabin and was also held up and ordered into the corridor.

"We were told to keep our hands up. We were marched to the 4th Officer's cabin and ordered to sit down," said Mr. Nederkorn.

"The Chief Officer and the 2nd Officer were already there. A guard was posted outside the cabin."

"Two boys, who was also unaware of what was happening brought us our usual tea."

When they entered the cabin they almost threw everything down.

They were ordered to put the tea down and were imprisoned in the same cabin.

"The pirates asked for the ship's firearms. The Captain had no alternative but to obey."

"They took the whole lot, comprising Tommy guns, rifles and pistols."

"The 6th Engineer then appeared and was also detained in the cabin."

"One of the robbers started to take off my rings, when another presumably the leader came in and ordered the rings to be returned to me."

"I was then ordered to open the safe in the Captain's cabin. I pointed to my rank. This they evidently understood and did not insist."

"They then started to ransack the cabin of the Captain, Chief Engineer and 4th Officer."

"Later the pirates ordered the Chief Officer to the bridge."

"Unable to attract the junks the pirates ordered the quarter-master swing to port."

"A little later the pirate ordered the quarter-master to swing the ship back to starboard."

"While all this was going on some of the men attempted to open the safe of the Chief Officer."

"They repeatedly asked for the key. The key however, had been taken away by the first batch of pirates."

"They started to hack at the safe. They broke the lock and the handle."

"At this stage, another pirate came in with the key. But without the handle, it was impossible to open the safe. After several attempts to break it open, they abandoned the safe."

"The only indication we had that the pirates had left was when the Chief Engineer opened our door and we were informed that the Captain, Chief Officer and some members of the crew had gone in a row boat with the pirates."

"Shortly afterwards the Captain and the crew who went with him returned in the row boat. No sign of the motor boat was seen."

"From the Captain the pirates took HK\$2,350 and miscellaneous articles. The Chief Officer lost a pair of binoculars. The 2nd Officer also lost a pair of binoculars and a watch. The 3rd and 4th Officer were not robbed."

"The Chief Engineer lost a revolver and an empty suitcase. From the 6th Engineer the pirates took a gramophone and some records."

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"At about 8.00 p.m. the pirates ordered two boys to bring us sandwiches and coffee."

"At about midnight I was ordered out of the cabin to drop anchor."

"All the time I was guarded by two pirates."

"After the anchor was dropped I was escorted back to the cabin."

"At about 3.30 a.m. I was again ordered out to raise anchor."

"The ship was then driven further to the coast. A motor life-boat was lowered by the pirates as an emergency measure."

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Repairs and replacements are being made to the Public Pier, adjoining the Star Ferry Wharf at Kowloon. Yesterday divers were sent down to make a thorough inspection of the underwater portion of the structure. Here is shown one of the divers preparing for the descent.—China Mail Photo.

PALESTINE CLASHES: Frontier Legion Truck Bombed

Jerusalem, Dec. 15. A bomb was thrown into a Trans-Jordan Frontier Forces truck entering Jerusalem near Wallah Hospital today, injuring at least two aboard.

Two Frontier Forces trucks were passing the Jewish quarter when shots were fired at them.

The hand grenades were thrown into the second trucks, injuring two soldiers.

Earlier, Arab soldiers of King Abdullah's force Trans-Jordan Army, in Palestine for police duty, were reported to have killed 14 Jews and wounded 15 others when they machine-gunned a bus convoy near Tel Aviv on Saturday night.

Meanwhile, Jewish leaders in Jerusalem have called upon the Palestine Government to order the immediate evacuation from Palestine of all Trans-Jordan Arab Legion troops.

The Arab Legion forces, which are offered by Britons, are on loan to the Palestine Government for police duty in the Holy Land.

A spokesman for Hagana declared that "failure of the British to evacuate these foreign troops will be considered a British provocation against the Jewish defense forces." — Associated Press.

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"Big 3" Hold Crucial Crisis Talks

London, Dec. 15.

The Western delegations held crucial meetings in advance of today's session of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The British Foreign Secretary (Mr. Bevin) also consulted with Prime Minister Attlee about the Big Four crisis after a meeting of the British Cabinet.

The United States Secretary of State (Mr. Marshall), conferred with his delegation and top advisers.

It is assumed that Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov had some long talks with the Kremlin over the week-end to determine Soviet policy.

Meanwhile, the United States, Britain and France waited anxiously to hear whether M. Molotov is going to let the Council of Foreign Ministers meeting break up.

M. Marshall, who probably will accept responsibility for calling the session a failure if Russia refuses to change her position, is understood to be hoping for the best but preparing for the worst.

Denial
A few hours before today's crucial meeting at 3.30 p.m., he formally and categorically denied M. Molotov's charges that the Americans were reaping millions in profits out of Germany.

He stated that "not one penny" of profit has accrued to the United States from its administration of Germany.

Delegates of all the Western Powers agreed that today's session will determine whether this session will collapse quickly or go on in further efforts to reach accommodation between the East and West on Germany.

They recognised the possibility that M. Molotov could perform one of his about-faces and give the meeting another lease on life.

Admittedly, however, the possibility is slight after his bitter and angry attack on the West at the last meeting on Friday.

The possibility of a quick collapse was sufficient to have worried officials of the American delegation worried about how, if necessary—to get American personnel back home before Christmas.

Mr. Marshall's final decision will be made after he finds out whether M. Molotov has changed his mind after the two-day "cooling off" week-end.

He was reliably reported to feel that, if M. Molotov will not change his demand for \$10,000,000,000 reparations, the Americans have nothing more to talk about.—United Press.

SHANGHAI PILOTS STRIKE ENDED
Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The Shanghai pilots' strike, which began 18 days over a dispute with the Maritime Customs on revised pilotage tariffs, ended this afternoon when all striking pilots were given new contracts by the Bureau of Shipping and Navigation of the Ministry of Communications.

In future, pilots will be under the control of the Bureau instead of the Customs as originally.

The new contracts are for five years and include an option of renewal for another similar term. They also include provisions for a revision of pilotage tariffs—the case of the recent dispute—from time to time.

The strike, just ended, involved 22 pilots, most of them British.—Reuter.

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ALLEN ADMITS RECEIVING GIFT OF FANS

Under cross-examination yesterday, William Elijah Allen admitted that he was aware of a Government Order forbidding the acceptance of presents by Government servants and that, in accepting some fans, he did not pay attention to this order. He had no reason to believe that the fans were a bribe, he added.

Allen, together with Man Kam-fat and Chui Hong, are facing charges of alleged conspiracy to obtain bribes, accepting bribes and agreeing to accept bribes.

The case is being heard before Mr. Justice F. H. Williams (Chief Justice), with Mr. A. Lonsdale, assisted by Mr. F. W. Shafrin and Det. Insp. J. Johnston conducting the prosecution.

Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. S. Ng Quinn of Messrs. Brutton & Co., is appearing for Allen. Man Kam-fat is defended by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths of Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist. Chui Hong is represented by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. C.A.S. Russ.

When hearing resumed yesterday morning, Allen was cross-examined by Mr. Lonsdale regarding entries in notebooks and registers.

Allen admitted that he was aware of a Government order which forbade Government servants to accept presents.

He did not know why Keung Hing-pun, Wong Kwai and Fan Hui should tell untruths about him. He had no knowledge of monies collected by Man Kam-fat on the 11th Feb. 1947 and thereafter by Chui Hong.

He denied that stallholders contravened market bye-laws with his permission.

He could not remember if he had to warn anyone in the Mongkok Market regarding obstructions.

He only made entries in his registers in cases of gross obstruction or in cases where stallholders would not take any notice of warnings.

Chief Concern

He was concerned chiefly in the clearing away of unlicensed hawkers; his sympathies were with the stallholders.

He had no reason to believe that the electric fans were given to him as a bribe.

In accepting the fans, he did not pay any attention to the Government order against the acceptance of presents.

He could not understand how the receipt was found in his desk and could see no reason why Det. Insp. Johnston or any other Police Officer should "plant" it in his desk.

He did not even know that the table fan was provided by Yuen Ming.

Allen admitted having received fish from stallholders through Lee Fu. He never en-

quired for the bill but did offer to make payment.

The stallholders considered it only a small matter and refused payment. He continued to obtain fish from them.

Flabbergasted

He was flabbergasted when the Police walked in. He was in a bit of a daze, he did not know what was going on.

As far as he could recollect, Mr. Shafrin said: "Have you any money on your person?"

There was a possibility that he might have been mistaken.

He was too dumfounded to think of giving an explanation to Mr. Shafrin about Lee Fu having come in with the money.

Cpl. J. Murphy, R.A.F., said that he was in Allen's house at the time of the latter's arrest.

Going to the pantry for a drink, he saw Allen at the telephone. After obtaining a drink, he met Allen at the foot of the stairs. Allen seemed to be very agitated.

The telephone was out of order and he, Allen, was trying to get the Chief Inspector.

"Something Fishy"

Allen mentioned that there was "something fishy" and said that he would have to go to the Slaughter House.

Murphy said that he returned to the sitting room with Allen and they sat down. There was a knock at the door and a second or two later, Mr. Shafrin entered.

Evidence as to Allen's character was given by Mr. J. G. Hooper, Acting Superintendent Sanitary Services, Medical Department. Mr. E. M. Robbins and Mr. C. T. Champelovier.

After Mr. d'Almada had opened the case for Man Kam-fat, Li Chi-kong, managing partner of the Wing Wo Leather Factory, Li Shiu-kai, managing partner of the Wah Kee Leather Factory and Chan Wing-kai, of the Wing On Shing Slipway, gave evidence as to Man Kam-fat's character.

In his examination-in-chief, Man Kam-fat denied that he asked Pun Ping for \$150 on behalf of Allen. He denied receiving money from Pun Ping.

Man said that, about a week after Pun Ping had obtained the release of two pig carcasses, the latter expressed a wish to give a present to Allen. He advised Pun Ping against it.

A week later, Pun Ping again said that he wished to give a present to Allen. He again told Pun Ping not to do so.

Man denied having mentioned the name of any tailor to Pun Ping.

Dealing with the meeting at the Yat Cheong Cafe, Man denied that Keung Hing-pun and the others were told that they would be required to pay Allen \$40 each daily.

Hearing will be resumed at 10 a.m. today.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.15 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.15 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.15 p.m.—Studio: Religious Talk to Children.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Studio: George and His Musical and Beryl Davis (Vocal).

1.00 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.

1.15 p.m.—Film Memories by Popular Organists.

1.30 p.m.—"From the Show" — Light Opera.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

6.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: George Melachrino & His Orch.

6.30 p.m.—The Immortal Strauss.

6.50 p.m.—Studio: "See You" on Sport.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studio: Bot Faller at the Piano.

7.35 p.m.—Studio: "Stage and Screen Favourites" presented by Aileen Woods.

8.05 p.m.—A Violin Programme featuring Yehudi Menuhin.

8.30 p.m.—B.B.C. Transcription Service: The London Radio Orchestra.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay: News.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Studio: "How did it Meet?" A Play by Blair.

A Hong Kong Stage Club Production.

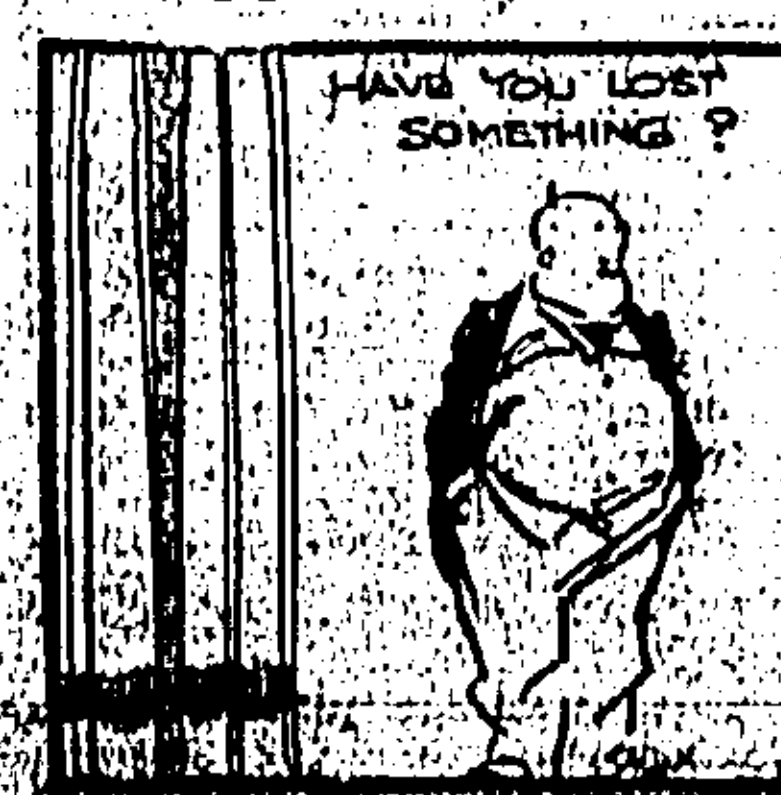
9.30 p.m.—The Kentucky Minstrels.

9.55 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.

10.15 p.m.—Dance from the Hong Kong Hotel of "Gipsy" Dance Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

POP



He Gave His Own Twist To "Numbers" Racket

Ma Kwan (24) put on a variation of the "Number Painting" racket by claiming that he was sent by the Hong Kong Government to collect \$1 from each of the houses with newly-painted numbers.

He went to Wan Kin at 55 Cooke Street at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday and obtained \$1.

He also collected \$1 from Chan Ming at 75 Cooke Street. In both cases, a receipt, bearing the name of the "Hong Kong Painting Number Co.", was issued by him.

On receipt of a report from Wan Ma was taken into custody. At the Hung Hom Police Station it was found that a total of six receipts had been made out by Ma and that he had collected \$3. Some of his prospects did not pay.

The above was related to Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr by Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth at Kowloon Court yesterday, when Ma was charged on two counts of obtaining money by false pretences.

The Magistrate passed sentence of three months' hard labour on each charge, to be served concurrently.

Constable Disliked His Thumb Being Twisted

Wan Pak-yu, alias Wan Hung-lau, 28-year-old licensed driver, was so infuriated by Police Constable Yee Kung taking down the particulars of his licence that he told the constable: "You think you police are big shots" (or its equivalent in Chinese).

The constable objected to this insult and a quarrel ensued, in the course of which Wan got hold of the constable's thumb and twisted it.

Wan then got off his cab and swung three blows at the Police officer. Two of these were wasted off but the third knocked the constable's hat off.

Police Corporal 210 saw the fight and yelled at Wan to stop. Wan took no notice but continued to swing blows at the constable. He was later arrested.

When charged at Kowloon Court yesterday with assaulting a Police officer, Sub-Inspector J.S. Howarth told Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr that the incident took place at Mission Road near

Argyle Street, at 5.15 p.m. on Dec. 14.

The whole thing started through PC 732 (Yee Kung) seeing lorry 6765 going up Mission Road, near Argyle Street.

When it was half way up the engine stalled, and the driver had some difficulty in re-starting it.

Thinking that it might be driven by a learner-driver, the constable went up and asked accused to produce his licence.

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TEEN-AGER "A BULLY AND EXTORTIONIST"

"You're a bully, as well as an extortionist," Mr. F. X. d'Almada told Chan On, alias Chan Tuen, alias Shu Yung, when sentencing the 18-year-old unemployed to 10 months' hard labour on five counts and to banishment at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Chan On, who claimed to be a trader who had failed in business, was charged on two counts of demanding money with menaces, two of using threats to induce a person to become a member of an unlawful society, two of procuring subscriptions for the purpose of an unlawful society and one of being a member of an unlawful society.

"All the charges against you have been proved to my satisfaction," the Magistrate remarked when convicting defendant.

Shoeshine Racket

Sgt. Major Chan Sul Ping, in evidence, said that investigations revealed that the "Wo Yung Yee" Society was a society of "tan sais" who bully shoeshine boys into becoming members and assault them when the refuse to join.

The main centres of operation were the Central and Western districts.

One of the victims, a 14-year-old shoeshine, said that he was approached by defendant to become his "fok".

He (witness) was to give him 50 cents a day and be given a pitch. Witness was taken to the Praya where he was struck on the face when he refused to comply with defendant's request.

Witness was then brought to the roof of No. 80, Connaught Road, Central, where there were over 10 boys.

There witness was again struck by Chan On, whereupon he, witness, promised to pay defendant 50 cents the following day.

Witness did not keep to his promise and when defendant saw him again 10 days later, Chan On brought him to No. 80 Connaught Road, where together with two other men he struck the boy and threatened to kill him.

Witness agreed to become defendant's "fok" and paid the latter for 20 days, to another man, So Pah, as instructed by defendant.

Witness said that he found out from the other "fok" that Chan On was a member of the "Wo Yung Yee" society a week after meeting him.

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Another 14-year-old shoeshine boy in evidence said that he paid defendant 50 cents for 15 days as "protection money" against assault and for an allocated pitch.

Lai Man-yap, of the C.I.D., G.H.Q., said that he went to the roof of No. 80 Connaught Road with second witness and found defendant sleeping.

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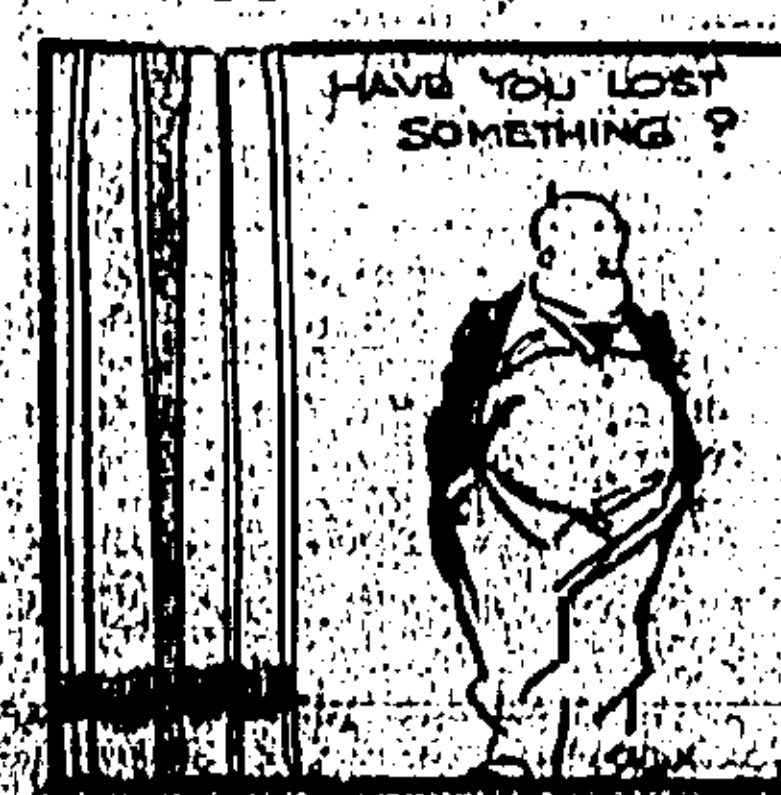


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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at noon, on Wednesday, the 17th day of December, 1947, in the Company's Hong Kong Office, 2nd Floor, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hong Kong, for the purpose of

1. Receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ended 30th September, 1947.
2. To elect two Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To confirm the Interim Dividend of 35 cents per share and to sanction the recommendation of the Directors as to the payment of a final dividend of \$1.00 per share in respect of fully paid shares and a proportionate amount in respect of partly paid shares, less tax deductible under the Inland Revenue Ordinance, 1947.

The Transfer Books and Register of Shareholders will be closed as from 8th December, 1947, to the 20th December, 1947, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
P. W. A. WOOD,
Secretary & Chief Accountant.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1947.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Tender for Purchase of the Foreign Type Motor Boat and one Cargo Junk", will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Friday, 2nd January, 1948, for the purchase of one Foreign type motor boat (without motor) 29' x 8'4" x 3'10" and one cargo junk 26' x 8' of approximately 124 piculs.

Further particulars and permission to view may be obtained from the Superintendent Engineer, Government Shipway, Yau-mat.

Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

11th December, 1947.

NOTICE

Maryknoll Former Students Association

All former students who have not yet registered their names and addresses with the secretary are requested to send same for registration to the

Acting Secretary,
GLORIA REMEDIOS,
114 Argyle Street,
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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale, published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12 of 8th March, 1946.

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1947.

SUBMARINE'S GREAT FEAT Alliance Submerges For Several Weeks Admiralty's Veil Of Secrecy

London, Dec. 15. A British submarine has remained submerged for several weeks and then surfaced under her own power with her full crew of seven officers and 60 men in good health, the Admiralty said today. Two to three days was the previous limit of submersion.

Apprentices Had "Hot And Cold" Water Fight

A hot and cold water "fight" led to two apprentice painters being bound over in the sum of \$25 over 12 months by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy yesterday.

Leung Sing, 21, was charged with having unlawfully and maliciously inflicted grievous bodily harm upon Pun Sang, 22, by throwing boiling water over him from a hand bowl.

It was alleged that at 11.20 p.m. last Saturday Pun accidentally threw some cold water on defendant's foot, which led to an argument.

Five minutes later defendant threw some boiling water over Pun in retaliation.

The latter was sent to hospital for treatment for his blistered left arm.

FORGED DRIVING LICENSES ALLEGED

When William Maher (30), manager of Hip Shing Transportation Co., 21 Soy Street, and Wong Chi alias Wong Lo (26), licensed driver, appeared on remand before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr, at Kowloon yesterday on the charges of obtaining money by false pretences, Det. Sub-Inspector D. S. Roberts preferred five additional counts against both defendants.

The accused are being further charged with forging two driving licences (Nos. 12226 and 12878) and uttering them to Yip Shing and Wong Shing on Nov. 16 and 28, respectively, and conspiring to obtaining endorsement on the two forged licences.

Maher and Wong were originally charged with obtaining \$180 from Yip Shing on Nov. 16, and \$109 from Wong Shing on Nov. 28, by falsely pretending to be in a position to obtain an endorsement on their respective licence to drive a motor car.

Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, appearing for Maher, stated yesterday that when the case comes up for hearing on Thursday (Dec. 17) he was going to submit that the charge of conspiracy embarrasses his defence.

SPINSTER WAS "GENERAL NUISANCE"

Described by Inspector J. Orem as "general nuisance", with three previous convictions, Lo Mui, 25-year-old spinster, was sentenced to one month's hard labour and recommended for banishment when she pleaded guilty to the charge of causing an obstruction by loitering. She was arrested by Inspector T. Collins at 1.45 a.m. yesterday.

Convicted on the charge of soliciting, Cheng Muk-suk, 31, was fined \$25 or two weeks' hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Wong Siu-ling, a 20-year-old spinster, was bound over in the sum of \$50 for one week when she was convicted on the charge of soliciting at Granville Road near Carnarvon Road at 9.45 p.m.

On Dec. 13.

Russian Protest To France

Paris, Dec. 15. Russia has protested the arrests of eight more Soviet citizens in France, the Russian Embassy announced today.

The Ministry of the Interior, responsible for the arrest of foreigners, early this afternoon confirmed the eight arrests which bring to 43 the number of Soviet citizens arrested or expelled from France since early November.

Karp Starikov, first secretary of the Soviet Embassy said, "The French police authorities continue to persecute Soviet citizens under baseless pretext."

He charged that one of the arrested persons was the aide of Ambassador Alexander Bogomolov, Osmipovitch Sorokine, who was seized in Marseilles. He was to return with the repatriation ship "Pobeda", which docked today in Marseilles to pick up a group of Soviet citizens

A succinct Admiralty announcement reported that H.M. Submarine Alliance of 1,250 tons had returned to its base at Portsmouth after a cruise in the tropical waters of Sierra Leone, Africa "to test living conditions on board a submarine during prolonged dives in tropical waters."

An Admiralty spokesman declined to disclose how long the submarine was submerged.

Anxious Time

It was learned, however, that the Alliance had been fitted with an improved version of the German schnorkel apparatus and with other secret devices.

The schnorkel, put into service on board U-boats in 1943, both purifies the air in submarines and eliminates engine odours, but even with it installed on submarines, 48 to 72 hours of submersion was the previous limit.

The only anxious time came when one sailor complained of pain. Appendicitis was suspected and it was feared the test would have to be suspended. But the man's condition improved and two days later he was fit again.

Appalling Stench

Towards the end of the long underwater cruise on record excitement mounted among the crew. As the submarine broke surface off Freetown, officers and men scrambled up the conning tower to greet the sun.

"We were appalled" by the stench of marine growth with which our ship had become encrusted beneath the sea," one officer said.—Associated Press.

Formal Transfer Of Burma

Rangoon, Dec. 15. The Union Jack will be lowered at Government House, Rangoon, at 9.40 a.m. (Burma Time) on Jan. 4, 1948, the time fixed for the formal transfer of power from Britain to Burma, and the National flag of independent Burma, a star-spangled tricolour, will be hoisted in its place.

Sir Hubert Rance, the last Governor of Burma, Lady Rance and the Governor's staff will leave Government House immediately afterwards and drive in state along the main streets of Rangoon before embarking in the cruiser H.M.S. Birmingham, to sail to Ceylon.

The first President of the Burmese Republic, Mr. Saw Shwe Thak, Sawbwa of Yawngwe, will take up residence at Government House.

Popular celebrations of Independence Day will begin early on Jan. 4, with the beating of Burmese ceremonial drums and the ringing of temple bells throughout the country.

The Union Jack will be hoisted down and the Burmese flag raised in its place throughout Rangoon.

The Independence Day celebration committee today announced

the release of short-term prisoners was recommended by the celebration committee.—Reuter.

Medicine Smuggler Missed Out

Trying to avoid the customs cost Lam Shum Yee his basket of medicine and \$100 fine.

Defendant appeared before Mr. J. G. Conklin at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of having dutiable goods on which duty had not been paid.

Revenue Officer Redman said that after the arrival of the S.S. "Kwong Sai" defendant ran across the wharf and tried to hide his goods on another ship along side the wharf.

Revenue Officer Redman asked for the confiscation of the goods.

First Chinese Locomotive

Taiyuan, Dec. 15. The first China-made locomotive was put on trial today along the Taiyuan-Yutzu section of the Taiyuan-Shihchi-chuang Railway.

The locomotive, which took the Northwest Locomotive Factory 100 days to complete, has a speed of 86 kilometers per hour and consumes 840 kilograms of coal per hour.

According to the Manager of the Factory, the Northwest Locomotive Factory is to produce 100 locomotives and 2,000 freight cars annually.—Central News.

ARABS IN AGREEMENT

Cairo, Dec. 15. General Nuri Es-Said, President of the Iraqi Senate, attended last night's Arab League Council meeting here.

After the meeting the Arab League's general secretary, Azam Fashar, said: "We have heard General Nuri's report. We are all agreed. The Zionist State will not live so long as we live."

No communique was issued and the Council is to meet again tomorrow evening.—Reuter.

He Stole The Sub-Inspector's Chesterfields

Tsui Shun, 22, plumber was a folt of a firm of contractors employed by the Hong Kong Gas Co.

With two others he was sent on Saturday to the quarters of Det. Sub-Inspector Matches, at Kowloon City Police Station, to repair a geyser.

On his way out, Tsui saw a packet of Chesterfield cigarettes on the sideboard. He took it.

Mrs. Matches saw him and told the Inspector about it. When Tsui was led back to the bedroom, the packet fell out of his pocket.

He was fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday on the larceny charge.

Y.M.C.A. DEBATE

"That there should be a limit to Free Speech" will be debated at 8.15 p.m. today at the European YMCA in Kowloon.

The Debating Society and Discussion Group will move the motion with Mr. F. E. Skinner as the proposer, and Major E. A. Ople, AEC, the Opposer.

After the opening speeches and views for and against the motion, the Speaker, Mr. C. E. Terry, will put it to the vote.

Compradore Missed

The pirates he said were most anxious to get the compradore. In spite of their search they were unable to find him.

Even after the pirates left the Captain had great difficulty in locating him.

The ship carried a complement of 17 Dutch Officers and 116 Chinese crew.

There were about 25 pirates. Mr. W. J. Collins, Chartered Accountant attached to the Singapore Government, was the only European passenger on board at the time of the piracy.

He was in his cabin reading a story of a naval action when suddenly five men, armed with pistols and light machine-guns, entered his cabin. They asked for arms.

They searched him and, finding nothing, escorted him up to the bridge.

The pirates emptied one of his suitcases and took it away with his sun glasses, a wrist watch and fountain pen.

Other large suitcases in his cabin were untouched. They contained money and other valuables.

At about 4.00 a.m. the ship's lights were ordered out, probably because another ship was sighted.

Mr. Collins said he definitely recognized one of the pirates as a man he had seen at Singapore.

Mr. Lee Chong Liong, a contractor of Singapore, said the pirates took everything they could lay their hands on in his cabin.

He lost well over two thousand dollars in money and property, including a ring worth over \$100.

Pirates Seize Dutch Ship

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"At about 9.40 p.m. when nearing Chilling Point, I was ordered to bring the ship closer to shore. Between 4 to 6 a.m. the ship was anchored. A motor life boat was lowered in which the pirates put the loot.

"At the bay next to Blas Bay I was told that if I attempted to ground the ship, all of us would be killed.

"At 6.30 a.m. two junks were sighted. The pirates began firing and the junks came alongside.

"They ordered another life boat to be lowered. This was manned by me, the Chief Officer and some members of the crew.

Hostages
"Six Chinese were taken away as hostages. They were Tang Kong Piat, Tan Cheng Seng, Kit Cheung, Pak Ki Po, Parkson Chan and K. P. Young.

"The first named has a wife, two sons and two daughters on the ship.

"Mr. Parkson Chan is a Member of the Committee of Overseas Affairs of the Executive Yuan Office at Swatow.

"After putting the pirates ashore, the life boat with all members returned to the ship, arriving at 7.30 a.m.

"A wire was sent to Hong Kong reporting the piracy and the ship proceeded back to Hong Kong.

"It was indeed surprising that no damage was done to the wireless, set. There was no chance of making use of it to summon assistance."

Asked if this was his first piracy experience, the Captain replied that he encountered a similar one on the Can Cloon in 1922.

It was however more of a mutiny than piracy. At the time there were over 600 deportees on board. The trouble subsided only when soldiers were sent on board from Singapore.

The Captain said it was a coincidence that it was only on this trip that piracy guards were dispensed with.

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Even after the pirates left the Captain had great difficulty in locating him.

The ship carried a complement of 17 Dutch Officers and 116 Chinese crew.

There were about 25 pirates. Mr. W. J. Collins, Chartered Accountant attached to the Singapore Government, was the only European passenger on board at the time of the piracy.

He was in his cabin reading a story of a naval action when suddenly five men, armed with pistols and light machine-guns, entered his cabin. They asked for arms.

They searched him and, finding nothing, escorted him up to the bridge.

The pirates emptied one of his suitcases and took it away with his sun glasses, a wrist watch and fountain pen.

Other large suitcases in his cabin were untouched. They contained money and other valuables.

At about 4.00 a.m. the ship's lights were ordered out, probably because another ship was sighted.

Mr. Collins said he definitely recognized one of the pirates as a man he had seen at Singapore.

Mr. Lee Chong Liong, a contractor of Singapore, said the pirates took everything they could lay their hands on in his cabin.

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WORLD'S RICE PROSPECTS Still Below The Pre-War Average China Production Slightly Higher

Washington, Dec. 14.—The world's rice crop for the harvest year of 1947-1948 is expected to be 150,000,000 bushels greater than last year's, but will still be 350,000,000 bushels below the pre-war average, the United States Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations said today.

The 1947-1948 crop, it was estimated, will be 7,050,000,000 bushels compared with 6,900,000,000 bushels for the previous year, with most of the production increase coming from Asia.

A record acreage has been planted in Europe, where production will slightly exceed pre-war. North American and African crops are above the high level of the previous year, but a production decline is possible in South America.

Asia's production was estimated at 6,580,000,000 bushels in 1946-1947, and 7,100,000,000 bushels pre-war. Excluding India, the acreage of the Asiatic countries has increased by two million to three million bushels.

Primarily because of some reduction in India's acreage and production, Asia's total harvest shows a relatively small rise. In the pre-war surplus areas of Burma, Siam and French Indo-China, the total production might be 60,000,000 or 100,000,000 bushels greater than last year.

In China The greatest progress in increasing acreage was in Burma, where nearly 900,000 more acres were planted. Siam's produc-

tion is about 25 per cent greater, but there is some decrease in French Indo-China's production.

China's production is only slightly higher with an acreage still 1,400,000 acres less than the pre-war average.

The South Korea crop is 15 per cent higher. Japan's acreage is higher, but unfavorable weather has reduced the production below last year's. The Philippines' production exceeds the pre-war average and 80,000 more acres have been planted in Malaya.—Reuter.

Ibn Saud's Warning On Partition

New York, Dec. 15.—King Ibn Saud, of Saudi Arabia, stated that he would protect and maintain United States oil operations and other interests in Saudi Arabia regardless of what happens in Palestine.

King Ibn Saud was reported to have said that the United States made a mistake in supporting the United Nations decision to partition Palestine, but he hoped they would correct it.

He denied reports that his Government was prepared to cancel American oil concessions as "untrue and irresponsible."

King Ibn Saud said that pressure from other Arab leaders to oppose U.S. interests had been "heavy, but availing."

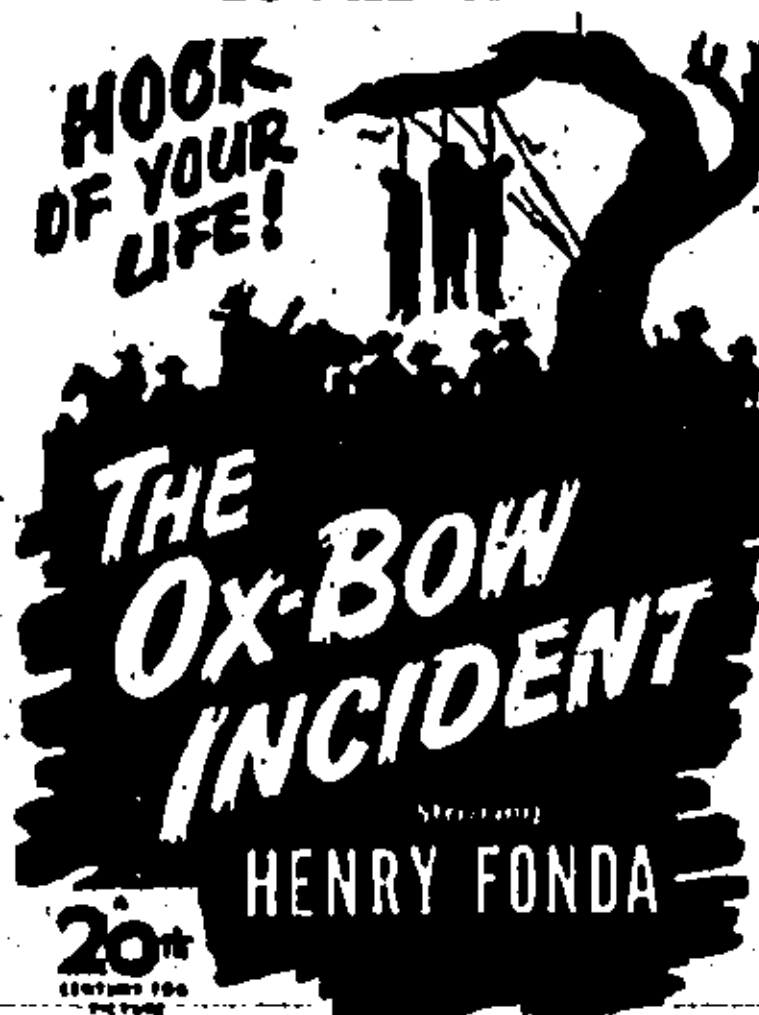
He accused Russia of supporting the partition plan solely to drive a wedge between the Arab world and the United States.

He hoped the United States would do nothing more to split Palestine and cause a schism which would end in Communism, a result which the United States would not like.—Reuter.

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COLLABORATORS ESCAPE

Paris, Dec. 14.—Twenty-nine of 39 prisoners who escaped from Bugeat Prison, near Samur, in western France, yesterday have been captured, the Ministry of Justice announced tonight.

The prisoners, most of whom were collaborationists, made their escape after having bound the chief prison guard in his office and cut the telephone wires.—Reuter.

Michael's Romance Latest

LAUSANNE, DEC. 14.—THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A MARRIAGE BETWEEN 26-YEAR-OLD KING MICHAEL OF RUMANIA AND PRINCESS ANNE OF BOURBON-PARMA, WERE BROUGHT TO SWITZERLAND TODAY BY COUNT NITEL, THE RUMANIAN MARSHAL OF THE REGIMENT.

Count Nitel, who will convey the views to King Michael, travelled by train from Bucharest.

He was expected to arrive tomorrow morning in Lausanne, where King Michael is staying with his mother, Queen Helen, and Princess Anne.

King Michael will spend tomorrow in conference with Count Nitel and an announcement may be made afterwards.

Princess Anne and her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, who were due to leave for Copenhagen on Tuesday, have now decided to go to Luxembourg.

King Michael, accompanied by Queen Helen, will probably leave for Rumania on Tuesday or Wednesday evening.—Reuter.

Gasperi Cabinet To Be Strengthened

Rome, Dec. 14.—Well informed sources said today that Premier Alcide de Gasperi, facing new threats of trouble from Communist labour leaders, has presented informally to President Enrico de Nicola a revised Cabinet list including moderate Leftist parties.

Rome's Communist press said that a communique issued last night from de Gasperi's office, denying claims from the Communist-led Chamber of Labour that the general strike on Thursday and Friday had won major concessions for unemployment relief, indicated the Government would not live up to those points which the Chamber insists the Government granted.

Reports here said that after long negotiations five from Giuseppe Saragat's anti-Communist Labour Socialists and the old Leftist Republican Party had been picked to join the Cabinet of de Gasperi, Christian Democratic leader. The unofficial sources said an announcement of the Cabinet changes would be made later.

Broadening his Government has been one of the Premier's cherished ambitions since he excluded the Communists and pro-Communist Socialists from his Cabinet in May.

Adherence of the two moderate Leftist parties to the Government would mean the addition of 78 votes in the National Assembly, giving de Gasperi 233 votes or four more than a majority. As long as such a coalition held any Communist or Rightist efforts to unseat de Gasperi would fail.—Associated Press.

greeted by M. Georgi Dimitrov, the Bulgarian Prime Minister, members of the Bulgarian Cabinet, and Japanese representatives in Sofia.—Reuter.

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OUTLOOK FOR CHINA AID DIM

Washington, Dec. 14.—Emergency aid for Europe and China faced prospect today of another slash of US\$50,000,000 to US\$100,000,000 or more before it passes Congress, with the likelihood that China will be "dropped from the bill altogether."

This possibility arose as an influential sub-group of the House Appropriations Committee was reported today to have reached a tentative decision reducing the US\$197,000,000 measure with its work unfinished and subject to change.

The preliminary agreement was said to be this:

1—Removal of China from the bill.

2—A cut of US\$50,000,000 to US\$60,000,000 in aid for France, Austria and Italy.

The big question remaining: Should another US\$50,000,000 or so be dropped off because China is not included?

The sub-committee, which has not disclosed any results of its closed door deliberations, will continue tomorrow. Its decisions must go before the full committee later, but Chairman Taber Republican of New York, is in charge of both groups and committee approval therefore is likely.—Associated Press.

U.S. Aid For Greece

Athens, Dec. 14.—The Greek armed forces have already been allocated \$150,000,000 worth of materials by the United States aid mission under the \$300,000,000 plan, according to a statement by the mission.

In addition, technical advisers were being provided for the general staffs of the three Greek services.

Import licenses for goods valued at \$20,450,000 had been issued up to Dec. 6 and the aid to the Greek population totalled \$23,687,000.

The statement said that there had been an increase of 600,000 million drachmas in Greek budgetary receipts as a result of the improved distribution of taxation and the imposition of new taxes.

The report said that American assistance to Greece "warmed the hearts of all peoples believing in the maintenance of free institutions and of Greek national independence."—Reuter.

MILLIONAIRE INJURED

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Axel Wenner-Gren, Swedish millionaire, was critically injured today in an automobile accident on the Mexico City-Cuenavaca highway. The industrialist was brought to the Red Cross hospital here for treatment. An attendant said his condition was "grave."—Associated Press.

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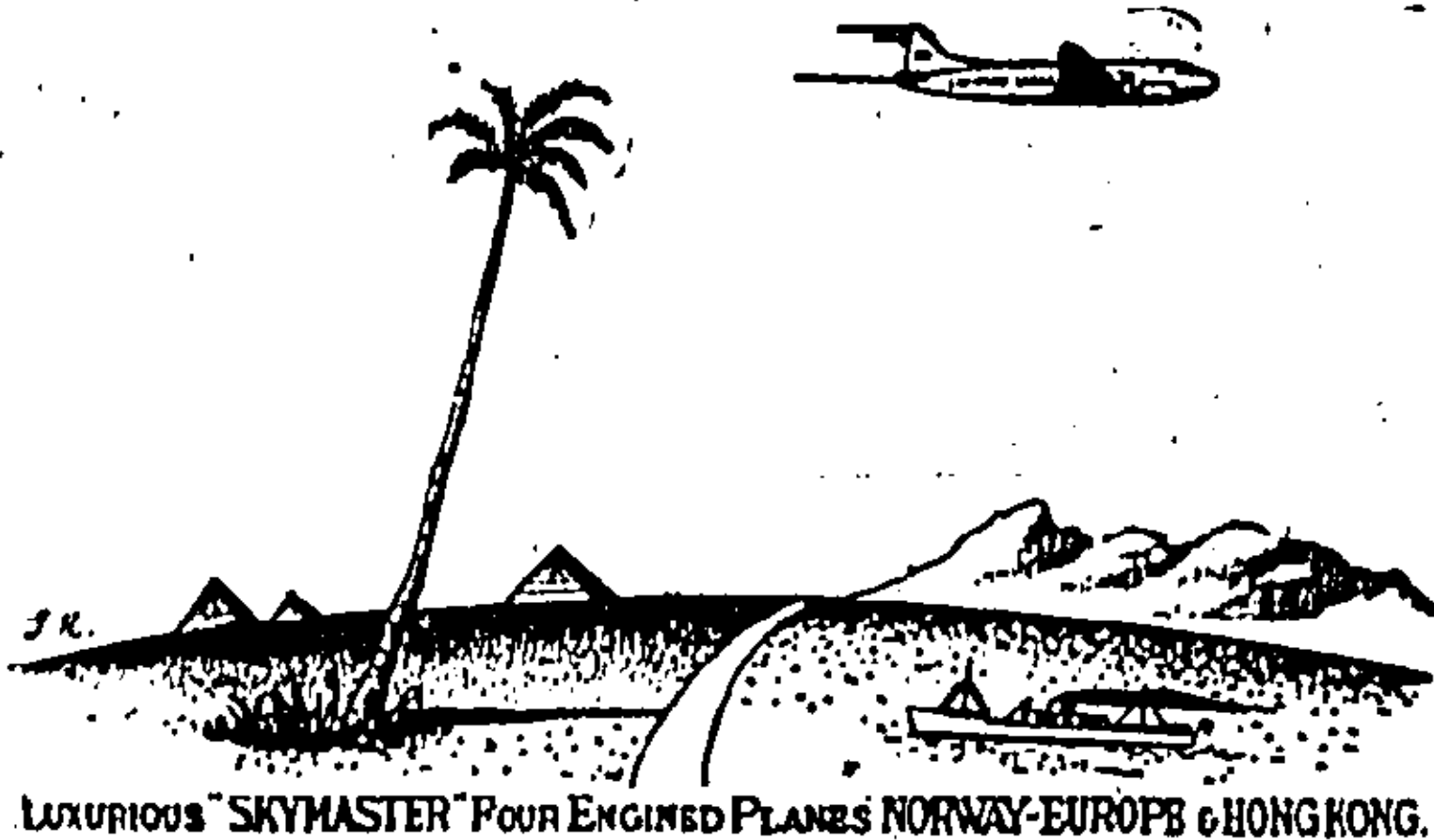
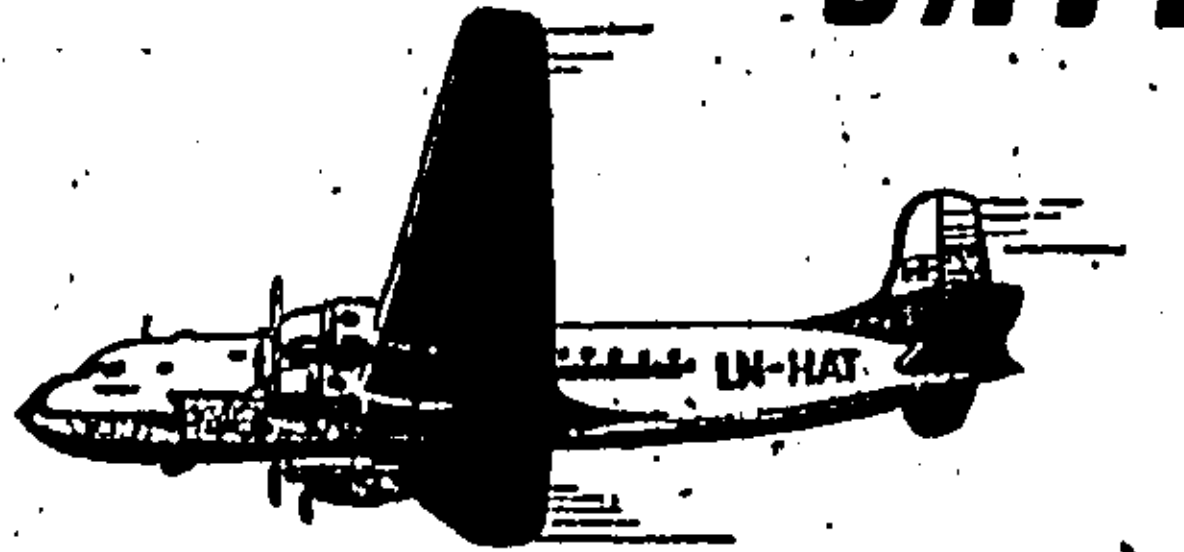
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BRITAIN TURNS THE CORNER

New Surge Of Optimism In Country

Things On The "Up And Up"

London, Dec. 15. Increasing evidence that Britain is beating back poverty has brought a new surge of optimism to these islands.

A spokesman for the office of Sir Stafford Cripps, boss of Britain's economics and finance, said: "Things are on the up and up." Headlines which once told only of new ration cuts and new crises, now hail good news.

The most spectacular bright spot is in coal production. It has risen steadily to the point where exports have been renewed. Arthur Horner, Communist General Secretary of the National Mineworkers Union, predicts the country can export 14,000,000 tons next year and regain her pre-war volume of 50,000,000 tons in two years. Britain promised to export 10,000,000 tons next year under the Marshall Plan.

Even the black spots in the industrial picture are brightening a little. The shortage of rail cars is so bad it may produce another crisis before spring. But volunteers are helping to make up for the decline in rolling stock.

Warlike Spirit

This resurgence of the war-time spirit to work harder is difficult to figure in statistics. But a Coal Board spokesman said this factor was largely responsible for coal production exceeding 4,000,000 tons in four successive weeks.

Britain's greatest economic headache—her foreign trade deficit—would be greatly eased if the Marshall Plan goes into effect. Britain's export production has been boosted well over 1938 levels. But vastly higher prices abroad curtail the purchasing power from this income. The Marshall Plan would help carry the deficit burden until export production reaches the goal of 175 per cent of the 1938 volume. This is the official level for self-support.

Foreign Trade

Britain is mending her foreign trade fences with new agreements. Last week, an agreement "in principle" was reached with Russia to bring England 500,000 tons of vitally needed grain.

Steadily increasing industrial employment is helping production for export. Mine manpower is slowly creeping upward. So is mine mechanisation. Employment in steel and heavy metal trades is considerably above pre-war levels, and still going up.

The same story can be told for others—automobiles, gas and electricity, public transport.

Employment

Production is climbing too. Iron and steel output is bowling along at a rate of about 14,000,000 tons a year, edging above its wartime record. Employment and production are down from pre-war levels in some industries—chiefly textile. Others include tailoring, paper making, publishing, furniture manufacture, shoe-

making, and the commercial, financial and distributive businesses.

On long-term plans, electricity generation and increased farm production are major items. In the first seven months of this year, Britain produced enough electricity generating equipment to turn out 650,000 kilowatts—more than twice last year's total production of such equipment.

Manpower

Mechanisation of agriculture, speeded up during the war, is proceeding. The output of tractors and plowing, planting and harvesting machinery is at record levels. Fertiliser is produced at twice the pre-war rate.

There is a major step in a programme of increased self-sufficiency, said a Government spokesman. Manpower is a key problem on the farms. German prisoners-of-war, used as standby help, will be virtually all gone by summer. A programme of recruiting volunteer workers to spend their vacations at farm work is under way.—Associated Press.

"Rouble Bloc" To Be Formed?

Moscow, Dec. 14. The immediate reaction of the people of Russia to today's announcement of the end of rationing, was one of rejoicing at the prospect of more ample supplies of food and consumer goods at lower prices.

All restaurants in the city of Moscow were full tonight.

Millions of people stayed at home to listen to the announcement and large crowds gathered round loudspeakers in public squares, clubs and hotels.

The new decree was regarded as having the effect of drastically checking speculation and raising the standard of living of the people by increasing their purchasing power with slashing price reductions.

Meanwhile, a statement from Washington says there is a possibility that the Soviet Union might seek to establish a working international value for the rouble in areas under Russian influence following the announcement of the devaluation of the rouble.

Rouble Bloc

The rouble at present has only a nominal international value because no international transactions are conducted in it.

Officials there pointed out, however, that if Russia succeeds in adjusting the rouble's purchasing power for international purposes, it would assist her in expanding her trade in Scandinavia, Eastern Europe and all the countries with which Russia is operating clearing agreements.

They described the new currency area as a "rouble bloc" in

competition with the sterling bloc or dollar bloc.

Some considered that such a move would assist Russia in competing with the operation of the Marshall Plan in Europe.

Trade by Russia with other countries is at present on a bilateral basis, the exchange of commodities being calculated in terms of currency of the country with which Russia is trading.—Reuter.

NOT CERTAIN OF DEMOCRACY?

Geneva, Dec. 15. The fear that Americans were losing confidence in the ability of their democracy to meet new situations was expressed today by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, widow of the late United States President, who for the past ten days has been presiding over the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva.

"We are tending to certain repressive measures which would not be necessary if we were absolutely certain of our ability to make our democracy work," she said.—Reuter.

NO LONGER RESTLESS

Shanghai, Dec. 15. South China ports have lost that restless feeling witnessed during the war. Admiral Charles M. Cooke, Commander of the U.S. Western Pacific Fleet, said in Tsingtao yesterday, according to Chinese reports.

Admiral Cooke has just returned to his base in Tsingtao following a prolonged tour of Southern Asia, during which he called at Hong Kong, Singapore, Manila and Formosa.—Reuter.

Goldsmiths Win A Victory

Shanghai, Dec. 15. Goldsmiths have won their protracted battle for free trading in gold, according to Chinese reports from Nanking.

A responsible official of the Ministry of Finance was quoted as declaring that gold dealers would be allowed to resume business but that they would be required to abide by the following rules:

1. Gold bars cannot be used for sale.
2. Gold ornament prices shall be controlled by the Social Affairs Bureau of the local governments.
3. No gold bars will be supplied by the Central Bank.—Reuter.

Surgery By Sound Waves

LOS ANGELES, DEC. 15. BRAIN SURGERY BY SOUND WAVES INSTEAD OF THE KNIFE IS IN PROCESS OF BEING PERFECTED.

An acoustics expert, Dr. Isadore Rucknick of the Pennsylvania State College, told the Acoustical Society of America today that great progress had been made in the use of sound waves as a surgical implement.

Dr. Rucknick said research men at Columbia University had been able with sound waves selectively to stimulate and destroy brain tissue of animals, and had proven, could eliminate one small section of a diseased brain tissue while leaving the rest of the brain untouched.

Sounds 10,000 times as intense as the sense level of the human ear killed mosquitoes in 15 seconds, cockroaches and mice in 60 seconds and caterpillars in 195 seconds. The same waves produce burns on human hands when thrust in front of their powerful beams, he said.

Dr. Rucknick said he doubted if sound could ever be used to kill human beings because the sound waves lost their intensity in a short distance.—United Press.

SOOTHING THEIR SOULS

New York, Dec. 15.

Since the first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, more people are listening to serious music, said Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra conductor Dimitri Mitropoulos today. He explained "Men will realize that music, like religion, has power to sustain and soothe the soul in time of trouble."—United Press.

AMERICAN HYSTERIA ABOUT COMMUNISM

(Continued from Page 6)

(3) The Communist organ, "Daily Worker," denounced Gen. Marshall's words as being a proposal for "another investment in Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's war on the Chinese people."

The Worker also had some comments on the Philippines, saying: "Not all the truth about how bad things are under the Gen. MacArthur sponsored Roxas administration has appeared in the press. Here is a minor but significant example: Under military pressure there a Hollywood film 'Story of William Tell' has been banned throughout the Philippines."

Military commanders felt that the portrayal of the overthrow of a brutal government was 'subversive and might fan a fire in troubled areas.'—United Press.

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ECONOMIC FUTURE OF H.K.: CONTRADICTIONARY OPINIONS

No Fear Of Depression Before 1951

Views Of Local Businessmen

(By MARGARET R. BOWES)

Two contradictory views on this Colony's economic future were expressed in well-informed trade circles here this week.

The first was that Hong Kong need not anticipate a depression before 1951 and then only if the United States has one, in which case, Hong Kong would, of course, merely suffer with the rest of the world.

The other view is that the Colony's economy is on the downgrade; in fact a depression is now under way.

"Hong Kong's golden days of prosperity are not over," declared the first source, who declined to be identified, "although there may be a bit of a letdown of speculative business in view of the fact that Hong Kong has over-bought."

He anticipated, however, no immediate decrease in business. The expectation, he said, is that there will be a shifting in traders' inquiries from the dollar areas to the cheaper sterling and "kindred countries." There already is evidence that such a movement is under way, he asserted.

Exchange Allocations
He predicted that official exchange in the future would probably only be given for capital equipment and raw materials essential to the rehabilitation of the Colony and its industry.

All traders able to supply their own exchange will continue to import, he said, but inquiries for United States goods are beginning to fall. This condition he attributed to the increased cost of unofficial exchange for such goods "from a country where prevailing prices are already exceptionally high."

He would not estimate how many traders in 1948 would find such conditions favourable to the prosecution of business.

Smuggling
To the suggestion that the new foreign exchange ruling might curtail smuggling be-

tween Hong Kong and the surrounding area, he replied, "I don't see how it could." However, if imports are controlled, even in this indirect way, it seems logical that smaller quantities of goods will find their way over the border, especially if prices should develop an upward trend—as might happen, should demand exceed supply in the Colony itself.

Taking an opposite view, the other authoritative observer asserted that a depression had been under way in the Colony "for the past six to eight weeks" and said that smuggling, at a lower ebb now than it had been for some time, was merely a "political football" at present being kicked about by the Governments of Hong Kong and China.

Tightening Up
Declaring that "things are tightening up," this man pointed to the fact of existing commodity shortages, which, he said, could not be taken care of by any switch to Sterling area purchases. England, he pointed out, was in desperate need of dollars; therefore, her exports would not go to Hong Kong in any quantity, but rather to dollar areas. Existing shortages, he predicted, would in three months' time reach the crisis stage.

"Things are not as good now as they were last month—and things next month will be worse," he stated.

A brighter prospect was possible, he said, for those who could afford to take the long view. He could see some possibility of the Colony's evolving in the future as a textile centre for the British Empire, since outside capital was coming in (largely from Shanghai) for such industries—and since it is part of the policy of the Colonial Government to encourage such industries.

Real Estate

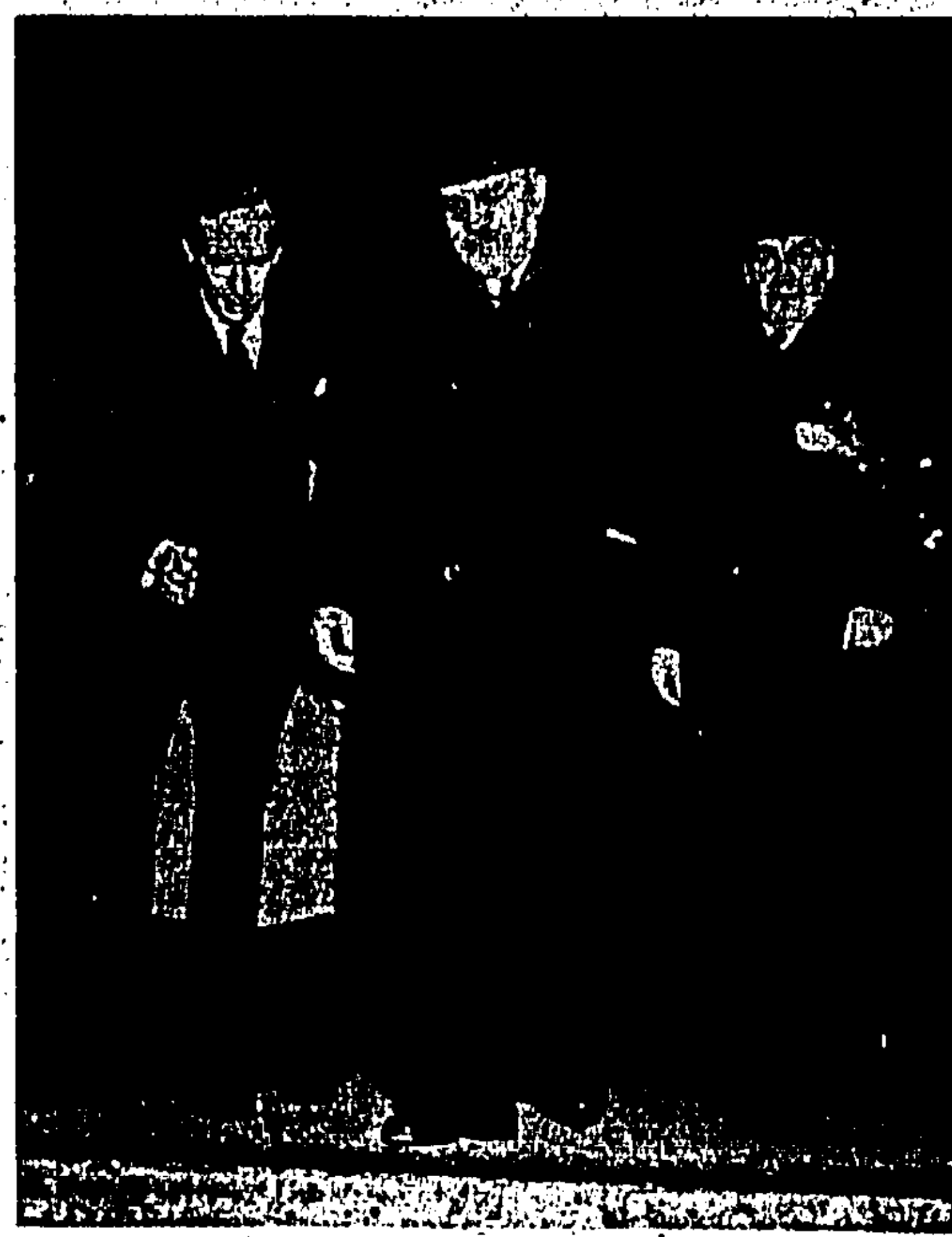
The real estate picture too, he thought, indicated a long-term possibility for Hong Kong. A drop in prices in the next year seemed likely in his opinion. "People are building instead of paying high rents," he said, adding that it was also a part of the Government's policy to give priority to building materials and so to encourage building.

Whether the long-term view is a realistic one or not considering possible political developments in the Hong Kong-Canton area remains to be seen. And, as for the deflation of Hong Kong's economic balloon, the question does not seem to be "whether" but "when?" Businessmen say that it will be soon.—Associated Press.

SUIT AGAINST DUPONT

Washington, Dec. 15. Charging monopoly of the cellophane industry in the United States, the Justice Department today announced it had filed suit against the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Corporation to force it to sell some of its plants.

Attorney-General Tom Clark said DuPont for years has produced more than two-thirds of the cellophane used in this country.—Associated Press.



So many photographers' flashlights went off when M. Molotov left the Foreign Office that he was blinded for the moment and as shown in this picture he is being escorted down the Foreign Office steps. On right is Zarubin, Soviet Ambassador in London. (A.P. Photo)

China Attitude To Japan Peace

Nanking, Dec. 15.

A Foreign Office source today confirmed the receipt of the London reply to the Chinese proposal for an 11-nation Far Eastern Commission drafting the Japanese peace treaty with the Big Four retaining the veto power.

The source said the contents of the British note are being closely studied.

BRIDGE COLLAPSE

Bogota, Dec. 15.

About 25 persons were killed yesterday at Fuzna in the Department of Boyaca, by the collapse of a bridge. The accident occurred as crowds awaited the arrival of the Departmental Governor on an inspection of public works.—Associated Press.

Easier To Travel Now Via Japan

SAN FRANCISCO, DEC. 14.

NORTHWEST AIRLINES SAID TODAY IT HAD BEEN NOTIFIED BY THE ARMY DEPARTMENT OF THE REMOVAL OF ALL RESTRICTIONS ON CIVIL AIRLINE PASSAGE THROUGH JAPAN FOR TRAVELLERS OF ALL NATIONALITIES.

It said passengers will no longer be required to obtain in transit military permits to pass through Japan. Military permits are still required, however, for stopovers in Japan.

The new order affects all passengers on Northwest Airlines' flights to Shanghai or Manila, since these flights go through Tokyo.—Associated Press.

JAPS WANT TO BE CHINESE

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The Changchun office of Foreign Affairs has received over 400 applications for naturalization from Japanese women in Manchuria.

The applications are being forwarded to the Ministry of the Interior in Nanking for a final decision, the reports added.—Reuter.

Secret German Plan For Constitution

Frankfurt, Dec. 15.

A preliminary draft of a constitution for an interim federal government of Western Germany has been secretly drawn up by German leaders of the American zone.

The draft constitution was approved by the American, British and French military governments in the American zone. It provides for a federal government with a central authority and a system of local self-government. The draft also provides for a federal court and a federal police force. The draft constitution is expected to be presented to the German people in the near future.

H.C.L. IN SHANGHAI

Shanghai, Dec. 15. The China Hung Shing economic agency in Shanghai today reported that price rises last week brought the general index of wholesale prices to a new level 123,697 times pre-war levels.

The Government's cost of living index for employees is now roughly 50,000 times pre-war living costs, but most businessmen believe that it will rise sharply when the index is announced late this month.—United Press.

H.K. BOOM ON THE WANE?

Shanghai, Dec. 15.

The morning newspaper, China Press, in an editorial today predicted that the "post-war boom" in Hong Kong in waning with harder times ahead.

It said that "business has been slowly declining—although certainly not on the scale seen in Shanghai over the past year—and sterner import regulations are coming into force."

The editorial asserted that the prosperity in Hong Kong depends on the prosperity of China and for that reason "the Hong Kong Government recently has shown a growing spirit of co-operation with the Chinese Government, negotiating financial matters and taking steps to fight the smuggling of goods from the colony to the mainland."

"The Hong Kong Government realizes that a total collapse of China's economy would have disastrous results in Hong Kong no less than in Shanghai, Canton and other cities in China."

The editorial concluded that there is every reason to hope for closer Hong Kong-China relations in the economic field.—United Press.

H.C.L. Soaring In Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 15.

A steady upward march in Canada's cost of living brought increased pressure today from consumer groups for Parliamentary intervention. However, the Government held to its chosen course of avoiding any general imposition of price controls.

A delegation of more than 75 housewives from eastern Canadian cities called on Finance Minister Douglas Abbott. They told him they wanted prices rolled back to the pre-1943 level, general restoration of price controls, and reinstatement of subsidies on flour, milk and fuel.

They asked reimposition of the excess profits tax and establishment of a price control board.—Associated Press.

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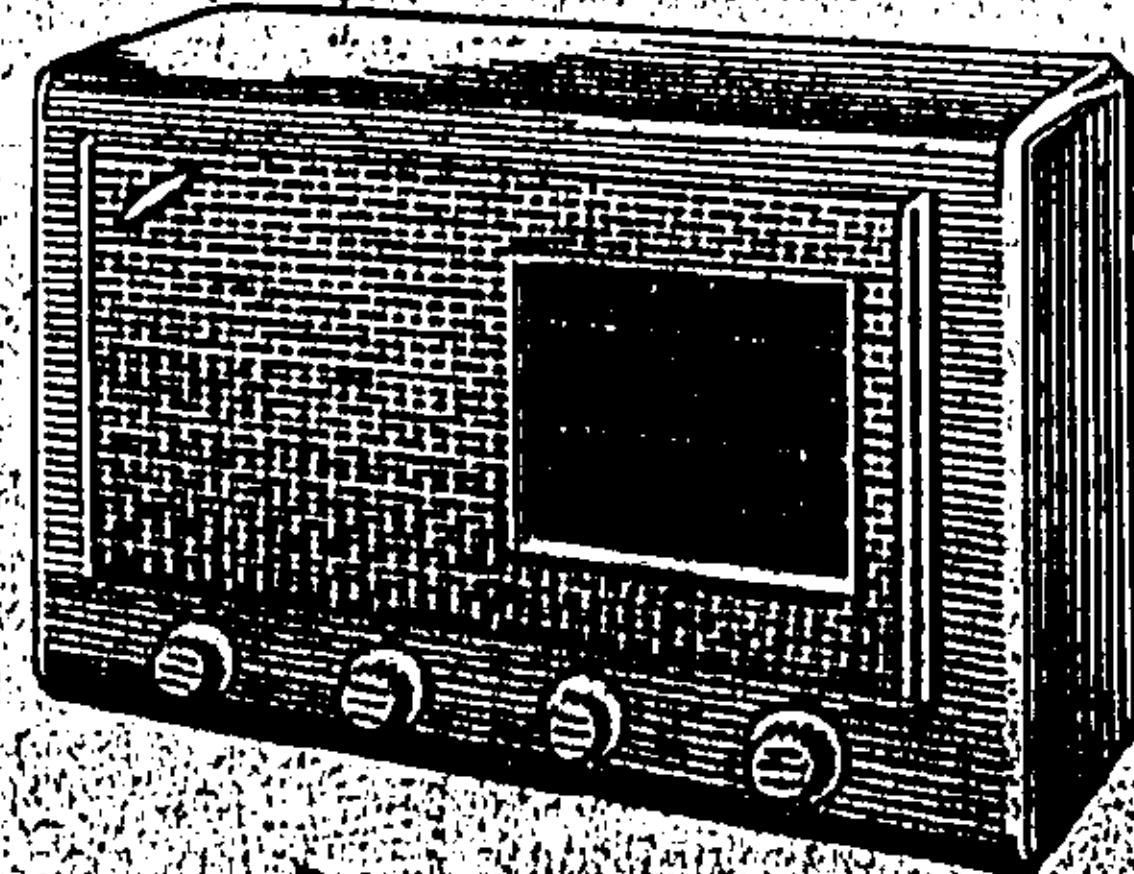
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SOVIET DEVALUES ROUBLE

Prices Of Industrial Goods Reduced

Criticism Of Royal Allowance

LONDON, DEC. 14. TWO LEFT WING NEWSPAPERS TODAY DEBATED THE ALLOWANCES FOR PRINCESS ELIZABETH AND PRINCE PHILIP.

"Reynolds News" asserted that the larger amount "is too much" and said "in the best interest of the throne and the people, Parliament should revise" it.

"In Britain today a style of living that calls for a joint income of £50,000 is altogether too elaborate," the paper said.

The "Sunday Pictorial," however, said that the Cabinet "will unquestionably accept the higher amount."

The "Pictorial" leaned toward approval of the £50,000 a year saying that it amounted to 48,000,000 farthings—"a farthing a head if every person in this country contributed."

—Associated Press.

U.N. Council Meetings

Lake Success, Dec. 15.

Two meetings of the United Nations Security Council, one dealing with the Indonesian-Dutch conflict and the other with Trieste, top the U.N. programme this week.

On Tuesday the Council will meet to decide whether Australia will be asked to continue as a member of the three-nation good offices commission which is trying to settle the Indonesian fighting.

Australia will leave the Council on Dec. 31, and the question arises whether that would force her off the Commission.

On Wednesday the Council will hold a closed meeting to discuss the governance of Trieste. Thus far the five great powers have been unable to agree on a governor. —Associated Press.

Rationing System Abolished

London, Dec. 14. Soviet currency is to be reformed on Tuesday, Dec. 16, under a decree broadcast by the Moscow Radio today, which said bank-depositors of the "overwhelming majority of depositors" would retain their previous value.

The decree was issued in the name of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union and the Central Committee of the Soviet Communist Party, which declared that the reform, necessitated by wartime developments, would leave unchanged Soviet obligations under agreements with other countries.

"The Soviet State faces the tasks of carrying out a currency reform for the purpose of strengthening the exchange rate of the rouble as well as abolition of the rationing system for supplies and of proceeding to expand trade at unified State prices," the decree stated.

It recorded that during the war the circulation of money increased while the production of consumption goods fell, adding that the monetary circulation had been swelled by "false money" issued by the invaders during World War II.

The State prices for rationed goods had been maintained constant, but free market prices had at times risen to ten to 15 times the pre-war level—a situation exploited by "speculative elements" to accumulate great quantities.

Exchange Rates

Details of the proposed exchange rates for the new money were given as follows: Bank deposits up to 3,000 roubles at par value. Bank deposits between 3,000 and 10,000 roubles at three old roubles to two new roubles.

Deposits over 10,000 roubles, 3,000 roubles at par; 7,000 roubles at the rate of three old roubles for two new roubles and

State Price

"While the currency reform is being effected the wages of workers and employees as well as the income of peasants from State deliveries and other labour incomes of all sections of the population will not be affected by the reform but will be paid in the new money at the previous rates," the statement declared.

Bank deposit transactions would be suspended on Dec. 15, 16 and 17.

The decree announced that in future the difference between the "commercial" (free market) price and the "rationed" price would be abolished, making way for a single State retail price. It instructed the Ministry of Commerce to fix in accordance with the reform new prices for food products and industrial products.

The new schedule, however, would not apply to collective farm markets.

The new uniform prices for industrial goods would be on an average less than one-third of the present commercial prices.

Privileged Hit

The decree promised that the losses incurred by the overwhelming majority of working people through the conversion would be "short-term and insignificant, while it would hit, first of all, the privileged elements."

The working population's losses would be fully compensated by the abolition of high commercial prices and the reduction of existing rationed prices on bread and cereals. However, the population must bear some of the "great sacrifices" required, especially as this will be the last sacrifice.

The rationed prices for bread would be reduced by an average of 12 percent and for cereals by ten percent. Beer would be about ten percent cheaper.

Unified prices of other food-stuffs would be maintained in general at existing levels. Wine and vodka would remain unchanged in price.

Unified prices for industrial goods would be at a rather higher level as compared with low ration prices although reduced by an average of one-third as compared with commercial prices.

Prices of meat, fish, fats, sugar, tobacco, confectionery, potatoes and other vegetables would be the same as previous ration prices. New prices would be fixed for milk and eggs. —Reuter.

U.S. TROOPS QUIT ITALY

Leghorn, Dec. 15. The last American occupation troops in Italy sailed yesterday aboard the transport, Admiral Sims, nine hours and 45 minutes ahead of the midnight deadline set for their departure by the Italian peace treaty.

A small graves liquidation and registration unit remains behind in Rome, under special treaty provisions, and no longer on an occupation assignment. —Associated Press.

Grim Words Of Marseilles Communist

Marseilles, Dec. 15. The Communist Deputy, Jean Cristofol, today urged Party members who participated in last week's unsuccessful fight to prepare for an "even harder fight," which he predicted would take place soon.

Speaking at a Communist mass meeting, Cristofol termed the end of the strikes "strategic withdrawal" by the Party. He urged Communists to "remain more united than ever and to be ready for a harder battle which will take place in the future, perhaps near."

Cristofol has been charged with being the leader of the disorders here last month. —United Press.

HE WAS HITLER'S ATTORNEY

Berlin, Dec. 15. Franz Zaver Schwarz, 72, former National Treasurer of the Nazi Party, died in an internment camp at Regensburg in the United States occupation zone of Germany.

Schwarz held the power of attorney from Adolf Hitler in all financial matters of the National Socialist Party. —Associated Press.

SOCIALISTS TO MEET

London, Dec. 15. A British Labour Party delegation and representatives of Finnish, Dutch, Swiss and Italian Socialist parties are expected to attend the Polish Socialist Party conference due to open in Breslaw tomorrow, the Warsaw Radio said. —Reuter.

Death Of The Man With The Pipe

Stourport, Dec. 14. Lord Baldwin died in his sleep last night at his home here. He was 88 years old.

Better known to the public as plain Mr. Stanley Baldwin, he was created Earl Baldwin of Bewdley in 1937 when he severed most of his links with public life. He was a leading figure in the abdication crisis of 1936 when the newly crowned King Edward the Eighth left the throne to his brother, the present King.

The Prime Minister held urgent consultations with the heads of the Dominion Governments, had audiences with the King himself, and finally went to the House of Commons with King Edward's message of abdication.

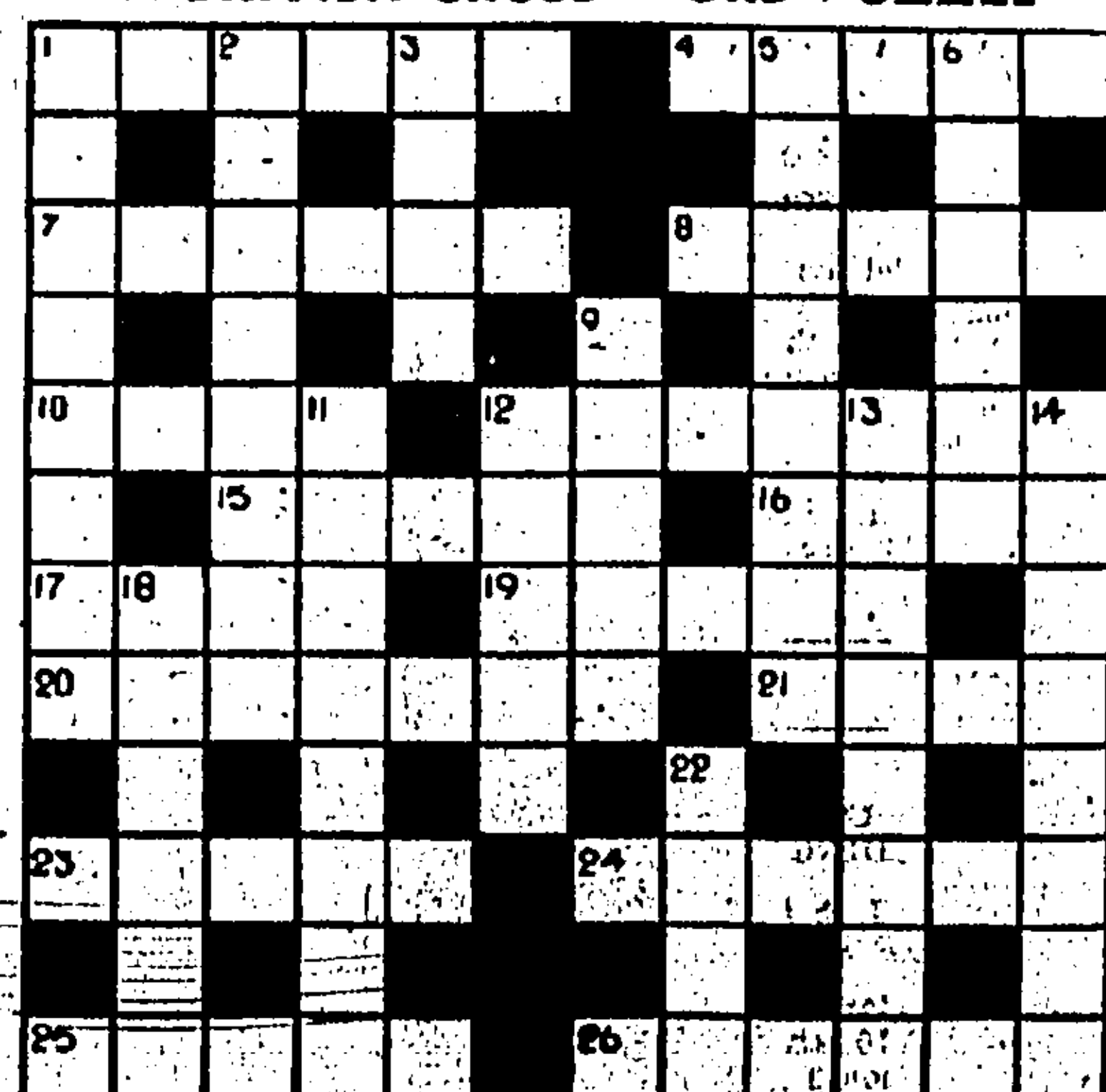
Another event in his long and distinguished career as a public servant, was his leadership of his Government through the dark days of the 1926 general strike.

In his youth, Lord Baldwin was associated with his family's iron foundry. He was 41 before he entered public life as a Conservative Member for the Bewdley division which he represented in Parliament for 20 years, during 12 of which he was Prime Minister.

Lord Baldwin had been suffering from a slight cold for a few days, and was lying in bed by a servant who went to call him early this morning.

A family meeting was held tonight at Lord Baldwin's home at Astley Hall and it was understood that cremation would take place in Birmingham. The day and time will be decided by the new Earl. —Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Clues Down

- Negligent collar
- Sacred song
- Boiled
- Symbol
- Bellow
- Bales
- Purport
- Cheerful refrain
- Kind of
- Attack
- Instructions
- Valley
- Impelled
- Upset
- Marginal
- Venerable

Clues Across

- Came back
- Go-between
- Chisel
- Part of a doorway
- Twists
- Renovating
- Educated
- Wild light
- Vehement speech
- Heaps
- Continued
- Record
- Stood
- Adore
- Dilapidated
- Moor
- Trader
- Cherry
- Baron
- Repress
- Lascar
- Corner
- Orison
- Edify
- Bill
- Runs

Yesterday's Crossword

Across: 1. Dramatic, 2. Caudle, 3. Lemonade, 4. Tormentor, 5. Heir, 6. Debar, 7. Dared, 8. Ape, 9. Dd.

Just To Emphasise His Point

CAIRO, DEC. 14. SHOTS WERE FIRED INTO THE AIR BY LAMLOUN PASHA, A DEMOCRATIC LEADER WHO EMPHASISED A FIERY SPEECH EXPRESSING HIS DETERMINATION TO FIGHT FOR PALESTINE. AT A MAMMOTH ANTI-PARTITION DEMONSTRATION HERE TODAY.

After attending mid-day prayers at the El Azhar Mosque, between 60,000 and 100,000 demonstrators marched to the Continental Hotel to hear addresses from the Arab Premier Emir Faisal, the Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister and the Lebanese and Syrian Premiers, who were greeted enthusiastically when they appeared to address the crowd.

Mahmud Nokrashi Pasha, Haj Amin El Hussein (the Mufti of Jerusalem) and the Iraq and Transjordan Premiers were notable absentees. Emir Faisal, who promised Saudi Arabian money to "save Palestine," was interrupted by shouts of "no petrol for American" from the crowd.

After two hours when the demonstrators were collapsing at the rate of one a minute, the crowd left the square to march past Abdin Palace. It then dispersed. —Reuter.

Chinese Air Officer In England

London, Dec. 15. A luncheon was given by Dr. Cheng Tien-hai, Chinese Ambassador, to mark the completion of the training of three Chinese officers at the R.A.F. Staff College at Gerrards Cross in Buckinghamshire.

The officers are Colonel Lin Wen-kwei, Colonel L. L. Chien, and Major Y. S. Chen.

Guests of honour at the party were Air Commodore A.W.B. MacDonald, Commandant of the College, and Mrs. MacDonald; Group Captain M. G. Philpott, second in command, and Mrs. Philpott; and Colonel Lal Ming-tonk, Chinese Air Attache.

SALVATION ARMY HEAD DEAD

New York, Dec. 14. General Edward Higgins, former head of the Salvation Army, died today at his New Jersey home. He was 83.

His death was announced by the Salvation Army headquarters here. —Reuter.

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"STRATHNAVER"	Kobe	24th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	2nd Jan.
"TREVISO"	U.K. via Straits	13th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	U.K. via Straits	13th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	16th Feb.

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"RUBY STONE"	Bombay via Straits	19th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Shanghai	21st Dec.
"TREVISO"	Genoa, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) via Straits & Colombo	24th Dec.
"STRATHNAVER"	U.K.	26th Dec.
"ORMARA"	Bombay via Straits & Colombo	3rd Jan.
"TREVISO"	Shanghai	16th Jan.
"TREVAYLOR"	Shanghai	15th Feb.
"CANTON"	U.K. via Straits	23rd Feb.

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"VAN HEUTSZ"	In Port Sailing for Swatow & Amoy 14th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Belawan Deli 22nd Dec.

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	Due from Europe, first week of Jan. 1948. Sailing for Shanghai & Japan	Loading for Manila/Singapore/ Colombo/ Port Said/Haifa/ Genoa/Marseilles/ Antwerp/Rotterdam/ Amsterdam/Hamburg/ Copenhagen/ Oslo, beginning of February 1948.

"MOLENKERK"		
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DISPUTE IN TRADE TALKS

Sharp Divisions Of Opinion

Havana, Dec. 15.
Four major controversies have split the Havana Trade Conference and, as it begins its fourth week, they are still unresolved.
Delegates of 58 nations here to adopt a charter for an international trade organization are sharply divided over import quotas, trade preferences, threats to sovereignty, and voting strength within the ITO itself.

Cuban Sugar In Tokyo

Tokyo, Dec. 15.
The arrival of the first post-war sugar from Cuba on Saturday and the expected arrival of more sugar from Cuba, the United States and the Philippines, has resulted in a sharp decline in the black market price of sugar and saccharine.
On Saturday, 8,710 tons of Cuban sugar arrived at Yokohama on board a steamship. The unloading of the sugar is being supervised by 50 armed police officers and is expected to be finished by Dec. 20.
—Reuter.

U. S. Currency Warning

Nanking, Dec. 15.
Mr. Chien Kuan-san, member of the Legislative Yuan who has just returned from a visit to the United States, warned today that speculators dealing in US currency are doing harm to the national economy and will find themselves in a more difficult financial position than they realize.
Mr. Chien said that commodity prices in the United States are expected to rise 15 to 20 per cent this year and that US currency circulation had increased three times that of 1939.
He added that China's light industry products such as shirts, socks, towels and textile products, selling at a lower price than those made in the United States, cannot be said to be inferior in quality.—Central News.

TSINGTAO'S TRADE

Tsingtao, Dec. 15.
Tsingtao's total imports during November amounted to 600,181 tons, consisting of coal, flour, wooden material and fish. Coal made up 30 per cent of the total imports.
The port's total exports during the same period reached 18,544 tons, comprising salt, cotton yarn and Chinese wine, according to figures of the port authorities.—Central News.

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Shanghai, Dec. 15.
A plan to make China's well-to-do contribute part of their wealth for national reconstruction has been worked out and only awaits final approval by the State Council, according to Chinese press reports from Nanking, quoting a spokesman of the Executive Yuan.
The plan was drafted by the Ministry of Finance and had been approved by the National Economic Council.
—Reuter.

Answer To The Marshall Aid Plan

Moscow, Dec. 15.
Observers in Moscow speculated that the new five-year trade pact between Russia and Czechoslovakia might be the forerunner of similar treaties throughout Europe, which may utilize the Marshall Plan.
These observers said that Friday's British announcement of British-Soviet discussions to begin next May on "long-term" trade arrangements and the Czech pact are signs of a revolutionary application of Soviet state economic planning to the field of foreign trade. They interpreted these steps as the Russian answer to the Marshall Plan.
An official statement said the total amount of supplies for each country under the Czech-Soviet pact would amount to the equivalent of US\$100,000,000 during the period 1949 to 1952.
—Associated Press.

H.K. Stock Exchange

There was little to show for the day's trading.
H.K. Govt. Loans 4% Loan 100: 87 1/2, 101.
Banks: H.K. & S. Bank 1900s, 2010s, 2000s; (Loan) 210s; Chartered Bank 211 5/16; Mercantile Bk. A. & B. 42 1/2; Bank of East Asia 110 1/2; Insurance: Canton Ins. 110 1/2; Union Ins. 700s, 780s; China Underwriters 7s; H.K. Fire Ins. 228s.
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Mining: Raub Mines 5 1/2; H.K. Mines 22 1/2.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs: H. & S. Hotels 22 1/2, 22s; H.K. Lands (Old) 80s; (New) 79s; S'hai Lands 25, 25 1/2; H.K. Properties 25s, 25s; 25 1/2; H.K. Realities 18s; Chinese Estates 18s.
Public Utilities: H.K. Tramways 22 1/2; Peak Tram (Old) 18 1/2; (New) 9 1/2; Star Ferry 10 1/2; H.K. Electric 27 1/2; O. Light (Old) X.D. 5 1/2; 2 1/2; (New) X. D. 5s; 10s; H.K. Electric (Old) 50 1/2, 51 1/2, 51 1/2; (New) 49 1/2; Macao Electric 21s; Sandakan 14 1/2; Telephone (Old) 40s, 41s, 40 1/2; (New) 37 1/2.
Industrial: Cold. Mfg. (Ord.) 18 1/2; (Pref.) 6s; Canton Ice 1s; Cement (Old) 21s; (New) 21s; H.K. Ropes 20s; Sarsac 20s; H.K. Paper 21s; 21s; Watsons 27 1/2, 27s; Lane, Crawford & Co. 24s; Sincere 24s; China Emporium 18s; Sun Co. Ltd. 8s; Kwong Sang Hong 12s; Wing On (H.K.) 160s; Wm. Powell Ltd. 14 1/2.
Miscellaneous: China Enterprises 27s; H.K. Construction (Old) 8 1/2; (New) 8 1/2; Vibro Piling 8 1/2; Marman Investments 12 1/2; Marman (H.K.) 17 1/2.
Cottons: Erco 12 1/2, 12 1/2.

Money Market

The bottom fell out of gold yesterday as it dropped 10 1/2 pence shortly after opening at \$302.25. It closed at \$292.50, but the undertone was weak.
An ample supply of gold in the Colony plus new arrivals despite the ban was given as the reason for the drop in the market.
Plastics continued to quiet yesterday and touched \$11.95 at 100 when the market was at its peak. Opening quotations were \$11.35. At the close the rate was \$11.75.
Chinese National Currency opened at 33 cents for futures and 30 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000) and closed at 32 1/2 cents and 43 cents respectively.
U.S. dollars weakened to \$5.00. Sterling was also easier at \$19.07 1/2. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.01.
Ticals were quoted at \$26.90 a 100 and NEI Guilders at \$26.00 a 100 on the local exchange.
In Shanghai yesterday (says Reuter) open market rates were unchanged at CN\$76,000 (buyers) and CN\$74,000 (sellers) for the U.S. dollar and CN\$332,000 (buyers) and CN\$328,000 (sellers) for Sterling.

Claims Against Japan

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15.
FAR EASTERN COMMISSION OFFICIALS HOLDING FAST TO THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS' CLAIMS FOR REPARATIONS FROM JAPAN, WERE STILL UNABLE TO REPORT PROGRESS LAST NIGHT.
Reparations have been the subject of continuous discussion since the establishment of the Commission about 18 months ago, and the officials said that further attempts would be made to reconcile the various claims, but the impression in informed quarters was that a reparations distribution formula, as well as the actual amount and nature of the reparations which it is considered Japan can be asked to pay without endangering its basic economy, will have to be hammered out at a Pacific peace conference.
Earlier hopes that a treaty would be ready for signature next March are considered to have faded into the realm of almost certain impossibility.
—Reuter.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

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To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claim will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 17th December 1947 will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th December, 1947, or they will not be recognized.
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"HUPEH"	Swatow	2 p.m. 16th Dec.
"HUNAN"	Amoy, Fouchow, Shanghai & Tientsin	5 p.m. 20th Dec.
"SINKIANG"	FUSAN (Korea)	4 p.m. 23rd Dec.
"SHENGKING"	Shanghai	3 p.m. 24th Dec.
"NEWCHWANG"	Bangkok	4 p.m. 24th Dec.
"PAKHOT"	Singapore, Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar	D.L. 25th Dec.
"FOOCHOW"	Japan Ports	4 p.m. 28th Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Swatow, Bangkok, Canton & Saigon	3 p.m. 27th Dec.
"FENGTIEN"	Japan Ports	4 p.m. 6th Jan 1948.

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"SINKIANG" Bangkok, Saigon & Swatow | 17th Dec. || "NEWCHWANG" | Shanghai | 21st Dec. |
"PAKHOT"	Shanghai & Keelung	21st Dec.
"FOOCHOW"	Java & Singapore	22nd Dec.
"SZECHUEN"	Shanghai	25th Dec.
"NINGHAI"	Bangkok	26th Dec.

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"FATSHAN"	Sails 1.30 a.m. 20th Dec.	Gates Open noon 19th Dec.
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Owing to low tide there will be no sailings to Canton on the 16th and 18th December.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 11

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Bangkok, Rangoon, Calcutta, Kanchi, Jeddah, Cairo (Nairobi, Johannesburg and Marseilles via Cairo, Augusta and London, Kowloon C.P.O. (Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.; G.P.O. (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Amoy and Fouchow; Airmail for Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Swatow, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Canton, 2 p.m.

Japan (Ord. letters & parcels only), 2 p.m.

Manila, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada, U.S. and Reg.) 2.30 p.m. (Ord.) 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kowloon, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 17

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Swatow, Tientsin and Amoy, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Manila, P.I., Honolulu, U.S.A. and Canada, (Reg.) 9.30 a.m. (Ord.) 10 a.m.

Airmail for Manila P.I., (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Lihchow and Kowloon; Airmail for Tientsin; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea and Train

Canton, 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 8 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 10 a.m.

Batavia, Sourabaya and Macassar, 10 a.m.

Manila, Aden and Egypt, 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 1 p.m.

Swatow, 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin and Shekhi, 4 p.m.

Kowloon, 4 p.m.

Canton, 5 p.m.

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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS

ARRIVALS FROM

Poole via Bangkok:

Dec. 18, BOAC (Capt. Johnson), 2.10 a.m.

Onlo via Bangkok:

Dec. 16, Braniff, 2 p.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Dec. 17, Cathay Pacific, 3 p.m.

Manila:

Dec. 16, Cathay Pacific, noon.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4), 10.45 a.m.

Dec. 17, HK Airways (Capt. Ballantine), 3.30 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Okinawa, Shanghai):

Dec. 18, Pan-American, 4.45 p.m.

San Francisco (via Honolulu, Wake, Guam, Manila):

Dec. 17, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

Dec. 20, Pan-American, 12.45 p.m.

DEPARTURES TO

Poole via Bangkok:

Dec. 17, BOAC (Capt. Allen), 8 a.m.

Onlo via Bangkok:

Dec. 17, Braniff, 9 a.m.

Singapore via Bangkok:

Dec. 19, CPA, 7 a.m.

Bangkok:

Dec. 20, Pan-American, 2.15 p.m.

Manila:

Dec. 18, CPA, 1 p.m.

Shanghai:

Daily, CNAC (DC4) 11.45 a.m.

Dec. 18, HK Airways (Capt. Ballantine), 10 a.m.

Dec. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

San Francisco (via Manila, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):

Dec. 18, Pan-American, 8 a.m.

San Francisco (via Shanghai, Okinawa, Guam, Wake, Honolulu):

Dec. 19, Pan-American, 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

Closing Times By Air

Airmail for Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland, (Reg.) 9 a.m. (Ord.) 9.30 a.m.

Airmail for Canton, Lihchow and Kowloon; Airmail for Tientsin; Airmail for Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

Airmail for Canton, Swatow, Amoy and Fouchow; Airmail for Kowloon, (Reg.) 3 p.m. (Ord.) 3.30 p.m.

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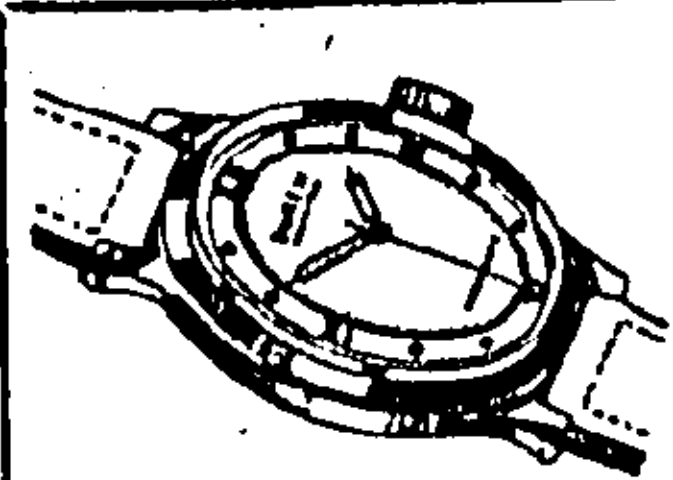
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Rain Washes Out 2nd Test

Sydney, Dec. 15. Play was impossible today—the third day of the second Australia-India Test Match. Heavy overnight rain turned the pitch into a quagmire.—United Press.

Football Shield Fixtures

The following are the first round matches of the Football Shield Competitions:—

SATURDAY, DEC. 20
SENIOR
Club v. Navy (Club, 4 p.m.). Ref. Willis. Lineup: N. Delgado and Leung Yung-tung.
Police v. R.A.F. (Police, 4 p.m.). Ref. H. Bilsby. Lineup: Col. Manson and P.M. Naylor.
Eastern v. Buffs (C. Hill, 4 p.m.). Ref. J.L. Bullock. Lineup: Niall Young-fai and Li Ping-ping.
25th R.A. v. Kwong Wah (Kwong Wah, 4 p.m.). Ref. A. Brogan. Lineup: B. Gassano and D. Leonard.
Kia Chee v. Innicks (Navy, 4 p.m.). Ref. J.F. Silva. Lineup: C. Redman and F.A. Barretto.
JUNIOR
Club v. H.Q.P. (Club, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. RSM Watson.
25th R.A. v. Navy (Kwong Wah, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. Pte. Shen.
South China "A" v. R.E.M.E. (C. Hill, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. SMI Easton.
K.M. v. St. Joseph's (Police, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. F. Lloyd.
C. Cadre v. Kia Chee (Navy, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. QMSI Tamlyn.
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SENIOR
Chinese A.A. v. K.M. (Police, 4 p.m.). Ref. C. Tunsall. Lineup: P.M. Xavier and A. Ribeiro.
Sing Tao v. St. Joseph's (Club, 4 p.m.). Ref. J. Havelaar. Lineup: P. George and L. Harris.
South China (J.V.).
JUNIOR
Chinese A.A. v. Sing Tao (Police, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. J.G. Padley.
South China "B" v. Eastern (C. Hill, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. A. Lee.
Taikoo v. Sing Tao (Club, 2.15 p.m.). Ref. A. Farmer.

Last week the golf spotlight was on the Greens Committee and the Handicap Committee—this week we have a bright spot of news from the Finance Committee.

An old member of the Club has indicated that in appreciation of the many happy days spent at Fanning and all the enjoyment derived therefrom, he has donated the amount already subscribed for a debenture. A generous gesture, which it is needless to add, is greatly valued.

Young Blood

The lack of the young bachelor element in the membership is most noticeable and any constructive suggestion in this regard will be appreciated by the Committee. It is realised that the present costs are, in common with many other clubs, relatively high but surely a day at Fanning is better value than a night of bright lights even though these may involve use of the overlapping grip.

Captain's Cup

The Captain's Cup has reached the last eight and they get to grips this week-end. On Sunday three matches went beyond the 18th. B. J. Morahan beat A. E. Lissman at the 19th where E. R. MacLay fell to K. S. Robertson. W. G. Robertson had to trek out to the 21st before a visit to a bunker finished the hopes of D. L. Milne-Dav.

D. L. Prophet and F. D. Hunter v. B. J. Morahan. It looks so open that all one can say is that the winner is one of eight. The Christmas Bogey Pools (Old & New Courses) and the Medal Round (Old Course) commence on Saturday, Dec. 20 and carry through until Sunday, Dec. 23. That looks like a chance for someone to more than offset the cost of this year's turkey.

The competitions for the second half of the winter games have just been announced and are posted at Fanning. As from January the monthly qualifying rounds for the Captain's Cup are re-introduced. A. J. K. M. School v. St. Joseph's (Club, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: D.P. Lai. E.K.A.M. School v. St. Joseph's (Club, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: E. Strang.

School Football

The following is the programme for the School Football League for Sunday, Dec. 21
SENIOR
Queen's College v. E.K.P.M. School (Caroline Hill, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: Chan Tak Fai.
St. Paul's v. Wah Yan (Navy No. 1, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: D.P. Lai.
E.K.A.M. School v. St. Joseph's (Club, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: E. Strang.
JUNIOR
A.C.A.M. v. Wansai A.A. (Navy No. 2, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: A. Farmer.
E.K.A.M. School v. St. Joseph's (Navy No. 1, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: A. Farmer.
St. Paul's v. St. Stephen's (Club, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: A. Lee.
A.C.P.M. v. Wansai P.M. School (Caroline Hill, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: F.A. Barretto.
E.K.P.M. School v. N.T.C. (Navy No. 2, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Leung Yung-tung.
G.V.M. School v. Wah Yan (Army No. 1, 10.30 a.m.). Referee: Li Ping-ping.
Wah Yan v. La Salle (Police, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: A.F. Willie.
Yaumati v. Mongkok (La Salle, 11.30 a.m.). Referee: N. Delgado.

Philip Kissed His Wife And Went Off To Work

London, Dec. 15. Like millions of other husbands Prince Philip kissed his wife goodbye and went off to work today. Prince Philip reported for duty in naval uniform. In the operations room of the Admiralty less than a half mile from the Palace only 24 hours after his return from his honeymoon in Scotland.

He was driven to work by a chauffeur who sped through the archway of Admiralty Building at nearly 30 m.p.h. A small crowd of women and photographers, waiting outside the Mall entrance of the building, missed Philip altogether.—United Press.

Kid Pedruco And Pulling To Clash

One of the best boxing programmes ever staged in the Colony has been arranged for Saturday, Dec. 20, at the V.R.C., when the pick of Service and Civilian boxers will be on display.

Star attraction of the evening will be a four-round contest between Leading Writer R. ("Bols") Pulling, of I.M.S. Tamar, and Kid Pedruco, the "Pride of Macao." Pulling was featherweight champion of the R.N.V.R. in Britain from 1937 to 1938, lightweight Mediterranean champion from 1942 to 1943 and Open Services welterweight champion of Hong Kong, 1947. Joe Perks, Open Services middleweight champion of Hong Kong, is opposed to Sgt. Corr, of the Inniskillings. These two boxers have met once before in an exhibition bout at the Fleet Club.

Return Bout

Marine Kettlewell, H.M.S. London, meets Sgt. Jones, of the Devons, in a return bout over four rounds. Kettlewell has not lost a fight in Hong Kong and Jones is all out to reverse the recent decision against him.

It is hoped to find an opponent for Sgt. Kearns, of the Inniskillings, from H.M.S. London. Kearns piled up an impressive series of victories while with the Army in India. Other bouts, all of three 2-minute rounds are:—

Lightweight: Lanky Santos vs. Sgt. Barr (Inniskillings). Welterweight: Antonio Silva vs. Fus. Adair (Inniskillings). Lightweight: Alfredo Malig vs. P. S. Seallings (H.M.S. London). A. B. McLaughlin (H.M.S. London) vs. Pte. Finch (Devons). Featherweight: Stoker Donnelly (H.M.S. London) vs. L/C Coyle (Inniskillings).

HAND-TO-HAND BATTLE IN KASHMIR HILLS

New Delhi, Dec. 14. Hand-to-hand fighting and night attacks on hill-top positions, reminiscent of the part Indian troops played in the mountain warfare in Italy, have marked a week-end of fighting in Kashmir.

Over 320 raiders were killed by Indian army troops in the Uri area of north-west Kashmir alone in the last three days. Tonight's Indian Defence Ministry communique, which gave these figures, added that Indian forces also suffered casualties. Indian troops cleared a hill position of raiders south of Poonch, in south-western Kashmir, and two parties of raiders were shelled in the Jhangar-Kachera area.

Indian army and Kashmiri State force patrols killed 11 raiders in two encounters in Jammu Province. Royal Indian Air Force planes carried out reconnaissance flights over the Chakothi-Domel Road (in the north-west) and the Akhaur-Bimbar-Poonch area. (In the south-west, the communique added.) A band of raiders, 1,000 strong, in a two-wave attack four miles south of Uri, on the main west road from Srinagar, the Kashmir capital, to the Pakistan frontier, lost 200 killed and 100 wounded, a Reuters despatch from Jammu reported today.

WILDCATS-CANUCKETTES SET THE ODDS Keen Game Starred "Triple Play"

(By "Grandstand")

No matter how loyal supporters are, fielding gems and even grand-slam homers are easily forgotten, but once in a while a play is made which is remembered for years.

A triple play is one of those rare occurrences, and although there is the possibility of one being executed anytime there are two on bases with none away, statisticians have figured that the chance of one being made is even less than dealing out a Royal Straight Flush in a five-handed poker game. However, one such play happened last week during the Wildcats—Canuckettes clash and the players involved were Marie Figueiredo, Terry Silva and Peggy Barros, whilst the victims were Canuckettes Jenn Lee, Alice Mar and Ulie Khoo.

The Set-Up

The set-up was in the first frame of this memorable tussle when Jenn Lee got a life on a grounder which Wildcat shortstop bumbled. Jenn pilfered second base and Alice Mar drew a walk. Ulie Khoo batting No. 3 for the Maple Leafers looked over a couple of Dolly Brown's tosses and found one to her liking which she smacked out to centre field to find centre fielder Marie Figueiredo sitting right under it.

Both Jenn Lee and Alice Mar, under-estimated Marie's fielding ability and started tearing around the sacks with head crack of the bat. Paying heed to frantic screams of "Throw it to second," Marie did just that, and key-stoner Terry Silva tagged the cushion for the second enroute, and relayed the apple to first-sacker Peggy Barros to complete the triple killing. The drama was completed in under a minute and for thrill and action in any sport, that's pretty hard to beat.

Playing inspired ball after this triple-play, the Wildcats notched up a fistful of runs in their turn at the plate on four Canadian errors and two hits. Undaunted by the devastating set-back, the Maple Leafers came right back with six runs to take the lead in the next inning on five safeties, including the first of Ulie Khoo's round-trippers with two aboard, but their hopes were short-lived as the bat-happy Wildcats turned the tables with three runs on a walk and two successive bingles.

Grounded Out

Peggy Barros filed out followed by Thelma Watson who grounded out to second. Wildcat Salvacion Diesta was ear-marked for victim No. 3, when she waved futilely at the third strike, but Maple Leafers receiver Mary Ng in an utterly strange assignment, too, missed the ball and Salvacion was given a life. Right there as then, the ball game was lost as the Untamed Felines went on to collect a further eight runs in a batting spree—all after the third out was given a second chance. After that Coach Bill Woo had to take Mary Ng away from behind the plate and shifted key-stoner Ulie Khoo for catcher duties, and managed to stop the riot. The Canuckettes chalked up two more runs in the next which added to Ulie Khoo's second four-master with ducks in the pond totalled 11 markers to the Wildcats 10 when the end of the seventh rolled around.

Dolly Brown hurled for the Wildcats was not in top form and only whiffed five while Alice Mar pitching her heart out for the Maple Leafers claimed only one victim via the strike-out route. Dolly walked three while Alice passed six to first. Babida also homered for the Untamed Felines while first-sacker Peggy Barros whammed out one good for three bases but was tagged at the plate when she attempted to stretch it into four bases.

Keen Fans

The usual large crowd of followers turned out to watch the tussle and although they can hardly be blamed for trying to get as close as possible to the battling belles, I feel they should have more consideration for the players and officials of the game by keeping

Curiosity Costs Baby Its Life

Eagerness to crawl and curiosity to see what was on the side of the junk on which she was born cost 13-month-old Chan Kam-ho her life yesterday.

A Bullet In The Ballet

London, Dec. 15. Honey blonde Vera Valentine's sequin-studded brassiere glittered brilliantly as she slithered into the splits finale of her "Ballet Parisienne." Then she heard a faint swish and grabbed her shoulder.

Blood streamed on to her brassiere and made a thin line down to a Hawaiian-style sash which masked her hips. The 21-year-old dancer said today she felt as if she had been kicked by a mule. But she had been shot in the shoulder by an air rifle fire—the police later deduced from a balcony of the suburban London theatre at which she appeared on Saturday night.

Miss Valentine remained on the stage until the curtains closed and, donning more appropriate clothing, was rushed to hospital where the slug was dug out. Doctors said the missile penetrated about one inch entering just above the unclothed right collar bone. The balcony was searched but the police could find no clue to the assailant.—United Press.

Paris, Dec. 14. Oxford—University's rugby team defeated Tonnais 20-0 in Paris this afternoon.—Associated Press.



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INOCULATION CERTIFICATES

A shroff is now in attendance at the following inoculation centres of the Port Health Office for the sale of blank forms for official vaccination and inoculation certificates for travelling purposes:
(1) Fire Brigade Inoculation Centre, Hong Kong.
(2) Harbour Office Inoculation Centre, Hong Kong.
(3) Taim Sha Tsui Inoculation Centre, Nathan Road, Kowloon.
Times for sale of certificates:—
Week days:—9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday:—9 a.m. to noon.
Kowloon residents are requested to proceed to the Taim Sha Tsui Centre for official inoculation and vaccination certificates for travelling purposes.

P.I. GOVERNOR'S WIFE KIDNAPPED?

Manila, Dec. 15. Police and military police were mobilized in a search for Mrs. Felicidad Camerino, comely 27-year-old wife of the Cavite Provincial Governor Dominador Camerino, reported last seen on Saturday after visiting her parents in a town north of Manila.

19 STOWAWAYS BROUGHT BACK

Nineteen stowaways, all male Chinese, were brought to Hong Kong yesterday by the "Tiladine" from Manila. They were found hiding in the "Bols Baine" when the Dutch vessel anchored at Manila. After spending 19 days at the Philippine capital, they were sent back by the "Tiladine."

AMAH FOILS 4 ROBBERS

The bravery of an amah foil the attempt of four Chinese men to rob the residence of Mr. Hooi Yip-beng, Manager of the Overseas Chinese Bank, yesterday at 3.35 p.m.

Four men called at No. 55, Nathan Road, 1st floor, with an Xmas jack and a bottle of beer, and asked for the mistress of the house. The unsuspecting housemaid opened the door only to find a revolver aimed at her. Another servant, however, seeing the dramatic scene ran to a window and cried for help. Neighbours telephoned for the police.

In their flight, the robbers dropped a toy revolver, a real revolver and a bottle of beer. Two suspects were arrested. Nothing was reported stolen. It may be recalled that not long ago at Kowloon, City two Chinese men under the pretext of bringing some stowaways to one brother of the house, stole jewelry and cash from the mistress and injured her on the head. They were later arrested.

MR. MARSHALL REPLIES TO ACCUSATIONS

London, Dec. 14. The United States delegation to the Big Four Foreign Ministers Conference, answering questions raised by M. Vyacheslav Molotov at Friday's meeting, declared tonight that the United States had long ago proposed a moratorium on the abolition of German property by other nations, adding that the United States had lived up to its principles.

"There is not one single case of German business property that has been acquired by United States interests during the entire occupation," the statement said. The statement made public tonight was issued to the Conference Secretariat on Saturday in reply to a Soviet enquiry concerning the acquisition of German business properties by the United States interests and alleged American profits on the export of German coal and timber.

Proposals

The statement reads: "The United States long ago proposed a moratorium on the acquisition of foreign ownership or control of property in Germany except to replace property destroyed or transferred since Sept. 1, 1939, with property similar in character and value."

DARKROOM OLYMPICS

London, Dec. 15. A mobile darkroom will be used for photographs of the final of the Olympic Games cycles races in London next year, both at Herts Hill for track events and Windsor Great Park, where the road race will be held.

Not One Penny

The statement added: "All goods shipped out of the United States and United Kingdom Zones and all services provided for foreigners out of German resources have been sold at world market prices."